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States

Judge's slain relatives: Rambling and threatening letters from the man believed to be the killer of Judge Joan Lefkow's husband and mother prompted the Illinois Attorney General's office to investigate him six years ago, former state officials say.

Investigators went to the Chicago home of Bart Ross in the winter of 1999 and created an extensive file on him, noting his paranoia and anger at the government and judiciary, said a former investigator and the office's one-time chief of investigations. Ross, 57, committed suicide Wednesday in Milwaukee after a police officer pulled him over because of broken tailliehts on his van.

Gov. Dean's records: More than two years after he left the governor's office to make his unsuccessful run for the presidency, the fight over public access to Howard Dean's gubernatorial records, which he sealed in 2003, is coming before the Vermont Supreme Court in Montpelier.

At a hearing Monday, Superior Court Judge Alan Cook ordered Dean and the state to identify each of the hundreds of thousands of documents in 86 sealed boxes and say why each should be covered by executive privilege.

Al-Qaida terror plot: A northern Virginia man accused of joining al-Qaida and plotting with them to assassinate President Bush pleaded not guilty Monday in federal court to providing material support to terrorists and other charges.

An Aug. 22 trial date was scheduled for Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 23, of Falls Church. He was indicted last month and charged with six counts that would allow a maximum prison term of 80 years.

World

Pakistanis' rape sentences: Pakistan's Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide the case of six men sentenced to death for raping a woman on orders from a village council.

The men were sentenced to death in 2002 after elders ordered the rape of Mukhtar Mai, 33, as punishment for her brother's alleged illicit affair with another woman.

But on March 3, the convictions of five of the men were overturned and the sixth reduced to life in prison, sparking an outcry by human rights groups both in Pakistan and abroad. The nation's highest Islamic tribunal threw out the acquittal Friday and reinstated the death sentences, a ruling the Su-



Democracy in Nepal: Riot police detain a student activist at a protest rally in Katmandu, Nepal, on Sunday. Demonstrators chanted against King Gyanendra, demanding restoration of democracy and withdrawal of a state of emergency since last month. As demonstrations continued Monday, police arrested dozens of protesters, while communist rebels threatened to step up attacks.

preme Court deemed unconstitutional.

Milan air disaster: An Italian judge on Monday convicted four people and acquitted three others in a 2001 plane crash that killed 118 people at Milan's Linate airport in Italy's worst civil aviation disaster, a lawyer for victims' relatives said.

The four were convicted of multiple manslaughter and sentenced to prison terms of up to four years and four months, said lawyer Alessandro Gorgetti.

Turkey earthquakes: A strong earthquake shook eastern Turkey on Monday, damaging buildings and injuring at least 18 people two days after another quake in the region, authorities said.

The earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.9 was centered in rural Bingol province and struck at 3:55 a.m., toppling several buildings that had been badly damaged in Saturdav's magnitude 5.7 temblor. officials said.

Asian bird flu precautions: Hong Kong's government said Monday it plans to step up precautions against bird flu and slash the local chicken population by half to 1.8 million, sparking outrage from the poultry industry. Locals have long favored freshly slaugh-

tered chicken from live poultry outlets, but authorities want to clamp down on the practice to improve hygiene.

Violent G8 protests: About 150 protesters detained at the Group of Eight summit in northern Italy in 2001 were kicked, slapped, tripped, kneed in the groin and

dragged by their hair, according to a report. Prosecutors in Genoa released a 534-page Proport over the weekend detailing "inhuman" and "degrading" behavior by police of ficers, corrections officers and doctors at the Bolzaneto police garrison, Italian media reported Sundav.

Military

Recruitment protests: Four anti-war protesters accused of spilling blood at a military recruiting station in New York will go on trial in federal court in May.

U.S. District Magistrate Dave Peebles set a tentative trial date of May 7 for the four ththea residents who pleaded not guilty Friday, maintaining that they were upholding international law during the March 17, 2003, protest at a military recruiting office in suburban thaca.

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Left: The USS Kitty Hawk pulls into Pusar Monday morning as South Koreans look on. The 43-year-old carrier docked in preparation for Foal Eagle and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercises, between U.S. and South Korean forces. Above: Rear Adm. James Kelly, Carrier Group Five

Airman gets 21 days

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan Airman 1st Class Harley W. Miller of the 35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron pleaded guilty in a Feb. 25 court-martial here to a charge of reckless driving in connection with the death of a Japanese civilian last year, base officials announced in a news release Monday.

Miller was sentenced to 21 days confinement and a reduction in rank to E-2.

On May 9, Miller was speeding on what's locally known as "30-meter road" toward the Cheese Roll restaurant when he collided with a car driven by a 66-year-old Japanese woman who improperly turned in front of Miller, base officials said.

Law-enforcement later estimated the airman's speed at 89 kilometers per hour (55 miles per hour) in a posted 40 kph (25 mph) zone.

Miller attempted to stop prior to the crash, but he was unable to due to his speed, officials said.

Japanese authorities waived jurisdiction of the case to the U.S. Air Force in late November after a detailed investigation.

Misawa Navy awards

MISAWA NAVAL AIR FACILI-TY. Japan — The Navy at Misawa recognized 21 of its Japanese national employees for superior job performance at an annual awards ceremony Monday at the Tohoku Enlisted Club.

The workers, representing various Navy commands, received the "Sustained Superior Perfor-mance Award," Navy officials said, a reward program designed to recognize Japanese employees for outstanding job contributions.

Employees received cash awards funded by the government of Japan, officials said.

Each Navy command nominates their employees.

The Air Force, Army, and Army and Air Force Exchange Service also hold similar award ceremonies for their Japanese national employees, officials said.

Science scholars

SEOUL - One student and one teacher from the Department of Defense Dependents School system's Pacific districts have been selected to take part in a highly regarded science institute this summer

Isabel Chang, a junior at Seoul American High School at Yong san Garrison, South Korea; and Tynisa Young, a science teacher at E.J. King High School in Sasebo, Japan, will attend the Research Science Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

The institute, sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education, runs from June 26 to Aug. 6. Selection was based on a combi-

nation of grades, test scores, teacher recommendations, participation in science competitions and community service.

Kitty Hawk drops anchor in S. Korea

BY TERI WEAVER Stars and Strines

ABOARD THE USS KITTY HAWK - A U.S. Navy aircraft carrier and seven of its escort warships moved into South Korean ports early this week to support one of the largest annual military exercises here.

The USS Kitty Hawk, a guided missile cruiser and six destroyers pulled into ports at Pusan, Chinhae and Pyongtaek on Monday and Tuesday to support the Foal Eagle and Re ception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercises, which start March 19.

"It's an extremely important defensive exercise for the ROK and the U.S.," Rear Adm. James D. Kelly, Carrier Group Five commander, said while aboard the Kitty Hawk

Monday morning.

"We don't necessarily represent the force that would come if something disastrous were to happen. But we are certainly an adequate representation.

The exercise is to prepare defenses for an attack from an unnamed enemy, though the scenarios involve an opponent whose characteristics mirror those of North Korea.

The Kitty Hawk docked at Pier 8 in Pusan shortly after 9 a.m. Monday, after leaving its home at Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan about a month ago to conduct at-sea training. Its last port visit, two weeks ago, was in

Hong Kong. Its 5,200 sailors and airmen queued for

hours to begin their liberty leave. Some qualified for more than 48 hours in Pusan, where military officials say they will spend, on average, \$500.

The 43-year-old carrier — the Navy's oldest active commissioned ship — was to return to sea later this week, to support RSOI.

Monday, Kelly and his commanders showed the ship to Korean navy officials, poli-ticians and business leaders. The Pusan port visit also included a tour by local media, where Korean journalists asked Kelly about his thoughts on plans to downsize U.S. troop strength here and concentrate troops at two major bases in central South Korea

"Anything that USFK decides to do as far as moving forces from the peninsula, said, "will be extremely, closely and tightly coordinated with a group that includes the combined forces commander with the Republic of Korea. Everything will be done in lock step. I have no question that we'll move together." he

The U.S. plans to cut its South Korean troop presence by 12,500 in the next few years. a plan both countries' governments approved last year. Already, 3,600 soldiers formerly as-signed near the North Korean border now are fighting in Iraq. After that tour ends late this summer, they're to move to Fort Carson, Colo

N. Korea warns South about joint exercise with U.S.

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Strines

SEOUL - The arrival of the USS Kitty Hawk and other U.S. military assets has North Korea warning that joint military exer cises this week by the United States and South Korea could lead to "actual war."

The Japan-based aircraft carrier and other units are in South Korea to take part in annual exercises U.S. officials characterize as "defense oriented" and designed to better defend against "external aggression

North Korea apparently feels differently. "There is no guarantee that the large-scale joint military exercises will not go over to an actual war

The U.S. and the South Korean authorities should immediately cancel their plan for the provocative joint military exercises," read a commentary carried by the North's of-ficial Korean Central News Agency.

North Korea routinely denounces U.S. military moves, often calling them a "prelude to

The exercises — called Foal Eagle and the Reception, Staging Onward Movement and Integration exercise — are scheduled to include movement of Stryker armored vehi-cles, high-speed Navy vessels shuttling troops around the peninsula and an amphibious landing in southern South Korea.

Thousand of U.S. troops from bases both on and off the peninsula are participating. U.S. Marines from Okinawa also will take

"Despite the fact that U.S. Marine Corps involvement in two annual Pacific exercises in late March has been scaled back due to the operational demands of the recent tsunami relief efforts, the Okinawa, Janan-based III Marine Expeditionary Force will participate in this year's RSO&I and Foal Eagle exercises on the Korean Peninsula," a Marine statement read

"The combined RSO&I command nost exercise will include about 300 III MEF personnel near Yonjin, Korea, and another 200 participating from Okinawa via communications systems."

Foal Eagle is to include 350 personnel from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, which will conduct F/A-18 flight operations from Chong Ju Air Base, officials said.



Kelly said part of the Kitty Hawk's mission was to be prepared to support U.S. allies throughout the region. He also mentioned that more U.S. carriers have been in Asian wa lately, in part to support troops in the Middle

That increased traffic can prove beneficial. he said. The USS Lincoln was in waters near

East.

South Korea when the devastating Dec. 26 tsu nami killed tens of thousands throughout south-ern Asia. The Lincoln responded because it was nearby and because the Kitty Hawk was undergoing maintenance, Kelly said "They were in the right place at the right

time," he said

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From staff reports

Weasel's Den looks to speed out of the gate

Misawa's new \$1.7 million rec center opens on Saturday

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan - It's time to shake off that

The much-anticipated grand opening of the Weasel's Den is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Everything will be free — including Go Karts and miniature golf — except for equipment rentals. "This is going to be the first full-fledged opening to the com-

munity," said Outdoor Recreation Director Dave Hymer.

The \$1.7 million facility in Hangar 973 is Misawa's new indoor recreation center. The aging World War II-era storage hangar was converted into a 65,000- square-foot play area to give families and young airmen and sailors another recreational outlet, especially during Misawa's long winters, base officials have

"The community has been starving for something like this," Hymer said. "This is a great opportunity to get out of the house let the kids run around and have a great time. It's an opportunity for all ages to have a blast.

The first people to ride the Go Karts — which can travel up to 30 miles per hour — will be the winners of a Misawa's American Forces Network contest that was to start Monday

One ride will be given away daily during EDGE Radio 1575's 6 a.m.-6 p.m. live broadcasts. "When you hear a race-car sound, whatever number caller (is) designated" gets a ride, said the station's Staff Sgt. Stephanie Csornok. The only stipulations, Csornok said: The winner must be at least 13 and 54 inches tall the minimum age and height requirements for driving the Go

The Weasel's Den has 14 electric Go Karts and a 350-foot-long track with curves.

Other activities and stations include a climbing wall, inline skating area, skateboard park, nine holes of miniature golf, video games and, for kids 9 and younger, an inflatable bouncy



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Strines

Outdoor Recreation employees Carolyn Calter and Joshua Faiai get ready to test-run two Go Karts last week at the Weasel's Den. The grand opening of the new indoor recreation center at Misawa

Air Base, Japan, will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. castle and Fun Zone. Inline skates, climbing gear and other equipment is available to rent or buy.

The center will stay open until 4 p.m. Saturday. A stateside band will provide music and the base clubs will offer food and refreshments. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day following the 10 a.m. ribbon cutting.

Some base residents already have glimpsed the Weasel's Den since Outdoor Recreation relocated its offices and equipment rental desk there earlier this winter. Thomas Lynn, 13, at Outdoor Recreation on Friday with his mom, Maj. Helen Lynn, said the base needed an indoor recreation center

"I think, yes, because my friend he always played hockey in the middle of the road," he said. "Now he can come down here

and play every weekend."

Lynn said he thought the Weasel's Den also would be a cool place for birthday parties. He's in luck: "We are also developing some party rooms where folks can come in and have birthday

parties," Hymer said. Rental cost for two hours will run about \$30 to \$40, depending on room size, he said. After the grand opening, Go Karts will be \$5 for a 5-minute

ride; a round of miniature golf, \$1. Weasel's Den will be open year-round from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Sat-

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Kinnick kids put science to the test at fair

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Strings

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — For the second year, Nile C. Kinnick High School student scientists pondered and in some cases probed their worlds for the annual school Science Fair.

Students used imagination and a heavy dose of scientific inquiry to answer some noteworthy questions Friday, such as which long-lasting lipstick lasts longest and whether wearing better clothing garners one better service in a store.

Many topics explored areas of interest to the mostly 10th- and 11th-graders who created the projects, more than 60 in all. But they approached their topics using advanced and often

surprising creativity. "This year I think the science is better," said science teacher Dave Trajtenberg, who started

the fair last year. "I'm actually really pleased His classes began formulating their ideas some months ago. They discussed what makes an interesting project, and the importance of research and analysis to prove a theory, not just believing what's been written before

That skill can be applied beyond science, Trajtenberg said.

"They realize there's articles out there that aren't necessarily backed by real research and evidence," he said. "It just gives them a little

more analytical view. The students use scientific method - drafting an idea, and using experimentation to prove or disprove a hypothesis — but the fair doesn't

just show their ability to follow those steps.

"Most of the kids by 10th or 11th grade can spit out the (scientific) method," Trajtenberg

The projects further demonstrate to the students how prevalent and important science is in

general life Ideas ranged from serious -- such as whether children can tell the difference between

candy and pills (they cannot, according to the project) - to the good-to-know, such as how far cellular reception reaches in a tunnel. One project examined whether current

events affect students' geographical knowledge. Another looked at the impact of competition on swimmers, whether they perform better during actual meets than in practice.

Trajtenberg said he helps students find topics that interest them. Many show the penchants of their creators: lipstick, hair gel, sports

and food. The smart and sparkly cardboard presentations show serious effort, but much of the hard

part comes in the earliest stages, he adds "The hardest part is always the hardest part

every year - finding the perfect question. E-mail Juliana Gittler at: gittlerj@pstripes.osd.mil



Jonathan Delos Santos, bottom left, explains his project on sow bugs to (top left to right) Michael Reilly, Dan Appleman, Richard Bendo and Robert Benton at the Kinnick High School Science Fair on Friday at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

Gym's opening coincides with March Madness

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Gerry Barnes Andersen Air Base

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BY DAVE ORNAUER

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam ing of what several players and coaches called the best fitness and sports facility they've seen coincided with the tipoff of the 2005 March Madness Open Basketball Tournament

About 300 spectators, players and coaches attended a cere-mony to open Andersen Air Base's \$17 million Coral Reef Fitness and Sports Complex, which Andersen athletics director Gerry Barnes called a "dream come true."

"I've devoted 11 years of civil service trying to get this facility," said Barnes, 53, a retired Air Force senior master sergeant who helped design two major Pacific Air Forces fitness centers, including a \$10.5 million facility that onened in 2001 at Osan Air Base in South

Now that Coral Reef is open "I'm elated," he said.

Dignitaries from as far away as Washington attended, including Art Myers of the Pentaon's Air Force services directorate and Julie Fetters, Pacific Air Forces plans and programs fitness chief, Col. Terry Crummett, Andersen's 36th Mission Support Group commander, called the facility the "finest fitness building in PACAF and one of the best in the Air Force.

The 65,000-square-foot center boasts some \$850,000 of fitness equipment, including treadmills, stairmasters and fixed

Side by side in the main section stand the facility's centerpiece: two basketball courts, where most of the March Madness tournament games are to be played through Saturday

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Each seats 500 spectators - who can view detailed game information on scoreboards showing everything from the score to individual player totals, even how many timeouts each team has left. Floors are "elastistic," Barnes said, the same as some NBA teams' practice facilities. "The floors give. They make you jump," he said

"Everything is NBA designed, from the portable baskets right down to the charge/block halos underneath the baskets," Barnes said, adding that the men's double-elimination playoffs will follow NBA rules; NCAA rules govern round-robin play and the women's tourna-

Several players in both March Madness and December's Osan Pacificwide tournament in South Korea said the new Coral Reef center is

"This is so much bigger," said guard Suzie Lopez of South Korea's Camp Humphreys Lady Bulldogs. "They have more equipment here... It's nice."

"Phenomenal," said guard Cliff Claybrooks

of the host Andersen Bombers A squad. "The floors on the courts are nice on the knees for us older players" and "it's open 24 hours a day. If I can't sleep, I'll just come in and work out.'

Barnes, who also coached the Bombers A team in its two games Monday, confessed to being tired, both from the day's rigors and from years of working to make the facility a reality. "All will be well if the customers are happy," he said

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Kurds, Shiites work to form government

Both sides dealing to put a coalition team in power for opening of parliament March 16

BY SAMEER N. YACOUB The Associated Press

BACHDAD - Kurdish leaders converged on Baghdad for talks Monday with majority Shiites as both sides pressed to secure a deal to form a coalition government before the newly elected parliament meets for the first time this week

Shiites and Kurds have been haggling over the makeup of the govern-ment since a new National Assembly was elected Jan. 30. The parliament

meets Wednesday.

The political deal calls for Jalal Talabani, a Kurdish leader, to be named president. Conservative Islamic Dawa Party leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari of the Shiite majority United Iraqi Alliance co-alition would become prime minister. "We're not interested in the govern-

ment posts, we're more interested in Kurdistan and Iraq's interests," Talabani said in Sulaimaniyah, 160 miles northeast of Baghdad.

"We have made good progress. We have a common understanding with the United Iraqi Alliance that we should establish an Iraqi state based on the prin-ciples of federalism and respecting human and women's rights

Ali al-Dabagh of the clergy-backed al-liance said he was optimistic a final deal would be reached before parliament meets Wednesday. But "if no agreement is reached, the first session of the national assembly will be held on

Wednesday anyway," he said. Outside the northern Iraqi city of Irbil, Kurdish leaders met Sunday to work on final details on a coalition gov-ernment in accordance with a deal reached earlier this month with the United Iraqi Alliance

about the Kurds only but the whole of Irag, we are working for an Iragi pro-- a coalition government that respects the constitution," said Interim Denuty Prime Minister Barham Saleh

Interim Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari, also a Kurd, said a Kurdish delegation was to meet with the alliance again Monday before the deal is anounced, emphasizing that a final agreement was close.

Talibani, Saleh and Zebari all headed to Baghdad from the north Monday.

The Kurds won 75 seats in the 275-member National Assembly. The alliance won 140 seats and needs Kurdish support to assemble the two-thirds majority to elect a president, who will then give a mandate to the prime minister.

Since 1991, Kurds enjoyed de facto independence, protected from Saddam Hussein's military by a U.S.-enforced no-fly zone. The Kurdish enclave since has been off-limits to the Iraqi army.

In violence Monday in northern Iraq. gunmen killed Hussam Hilal Sarsam, a cameraman for the Kurdish satellite channel KurdSat, witnesses in Mosul

Twelve miles south of Baghdad, a suicide car bomb exploded in Youssifiyah, said police Lt. Adnan Mohammed. The blast missed a convoy of sport utility vehicles, hitting a civilian vehicle instead

and wounding four people.

In the capital, five bodyguards of Sa'ad al-Amily, the Health Ministry's director general, were wounded in a roadside bomb attack, a police captain said on condition of anonymity. The guards had been heading to his home to pick him up, he said.



Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani, likely soon to be named Iraqi president, and other Kurdish leaders were converging on Baghdad for last-minute talks Monday with majority Shiites as both sides pressed to secure a deal to form a coalition government before the newly elected parliament meets for the first time later this week.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Sunday, at least 1,513 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count At least 1.153 died as a re-

sult of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four mili-

tary civilians.

The AP count is five higher than the Defense Depart-ment's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths. Italy has re-ported 20 death; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each, Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia have reported

one death each. The latest deaths reported

by the military: ■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

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Joint Chiefs chairman in Iraq to see progress since election

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

TIKRIT, Iraq - Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met over lunch Monday with several senior Iraqi military and police officers to hear their concerns and to ex-

The Iragis gave Myers a mostly upbeat assessment of progress, although one general told him through an interpreter that there has been a "big problem" in coordinating the forces of the defense and the interior ministries when both are called upon to respond in

In Baghdad, Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, in overall command of training Iraqi security forces, told reporters that 145,000 Iraqis are now trained and equipped, although he noted that these are not all equally capable in combat.

Myers spent the day traveling from Mosul, in the far north, to Tikrit and finally to Baghdad, where he met U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte and Ayad Allawi, the interim Iraqi prime min-ister, as well as several senior U.S. generals. It was Myers' first visit to Iraq since the Jan. 30 elections. Some of the Iraqi officers said they were encouraged at

progress in developing a capable army, as well as confident that they will eventually have the wherewithal to take full control of the security situation across the

Asked, however, how soon he thought the Iraqis would be ready to take over, Col. Shaker Faris, 50, the commandant for training for the Iraqi's 4th Division, said, 'Now is not the right time to take over from the coalition forces betraining" and more weapons.

Faris said it is crucial that the coalition do more to control the movement of insurgents across Iraq's borders "so that we can control inside" the country.

Mai. Gen. Anwar Imin. commander of the 2nd Brigade of the 4th Division, said the elections were an important turning point in the effort to build Iraqi security forces. Since then, he said, the Iragis have had more success canturing insurgents, including a Saudi caught on Sunday.



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BY T.A. BADGER The Associated Press

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FORT HOOD, Texas - The platoon leader accused of ordering soldiers to force two Iraqis into the Tigris River at gunpoint pleaded guilty Monday to two assault charges, obstruction of justice and dereliction of duty.

Army 1st Lt. Jack Saville could face up to nine years in military prison under the plea deals, which involve two incidents.

He pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, making a false statement and involuntary manslaughter in the Tigris River case and not guilty to an aggravated assault charge involving an earlier case in Balad

Saville, a 25-year-old West Point graduate, is accused of ordering troops to push two curfew violators into the river near Samarra in early 2004. The government says that resulted in the drowning death of Zaidoun Hassoun, 19, who was forced into the river with his cousin, Marwan

But defense lawyers contend Zaidoun is still alive, and in December a judge granted a de-fense request to have the body exhumed to determine identification and cause of death. It's unclear if that exhumation has happened.

Saville pleaded guilty to aggravated assault on

Zaidoun and assault by battery on Marwan. The obstruction of justice charge was for concocting a lie that they had left the two Iraqis along the road instead of forcing them into the

The dereliction of duty charge, which was added Friday, is for not challenging an illegal

order by a superior. It wasn't immediately clear how the pleas would affect the remaining charges.

Ceremony kicks off Afghan road repair

lilzad said

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Strines

CHARIKAR, Afghanistan - A resurfaced road generally doesn't draw much attention in many parts of the world.

But in Afghanistan, where good roads are a rarity, a ceremony to

announce a plan to upgrade about 45 miles between Panishir and Parwan drew a crowd, featuring the country's president and vice president, ambas U.S.

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dor to Iraq. "The reconstruction

needs of the country are great. Es-pecially given the destruction of the last 25 years."

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" said Khalilzad, who will soon



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for the event both on the ground ghanistan Zalamay Khalilzad and and in the air. a handful of local and national offi-Lt. Gen. David Barno, the se cials spoke under a pavilion that nior American commander in Afhelped to keep away some of the inghanistan, said the road would likely be used by the U.S. military termittent rain Monday afternoon "Afghanistan has come a long

Khalilzad

on occasion, but said that wasn't the reason he was happy to see it "Everything we do to improve the economy for the Afghans is a benefit for us," he said. "This

whole area was just devastated by the Soviets and the Taliban."

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Was it murder or self-defense?

N.C.-based Marine faces charges in deaths of two Iraqis

BY JOHN DESANTIS

The (Wilmington, N.C.) Star-News

WILMINGTON N.C. - When 2nd Lt. Ilario Pantano and other members of his Marine Corps infantry platoon arrived in Iraq last spring they were trained for combat, but also ready to wage a battle for the population's hearts and minds.

Within weeks of their arrival an upsurge of violence against U.S.-led coalition forces saw the Wilmington Marine and his men fighting with honor and distinc-

Now, the 33-year-old New York City native faces a different kind of battle, against the armed forces whose uniform he still proudly

Pantano has officially been accused of premeditated murder — a capital charge — for shooting two alleged insurgents he took captive near the town of Mah-mudiyah, where his Marine infantry unit was based from March to October of 2004

The Marine Corps is not talking, other than to confirm that a preliminary hearing will be held in April, citing concerns for Pantano's rights. Official documents say that on April 15, 2004, two men, Hamaady Kareem and Tahah Hanjil, were attempting to

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flee a house where combat materials were found in a Marine

During the ensuing encounter. the documents allege, Pantano broke military law by ordering the two detained men released

from their handcuffs, ordering the only two fellow servicemembers nearby to face away as

Kareem and Haniil searched their own car - which had already

searched - to ascertain that it was not booby trapped, shooting the two men in the back, then placing a sign atop the car that read "No better friend, no worse enemy.

Ranking Marine Corps officers with direct knowledge of the case have said the prosecution wants to prove that the shooting was an 'execution. Pantano and his Virginia-based

attorney, Charles Gittins, say the killings were a legitimate act of self-defense which occurred tano perceived as a threat and were within the military rules of engagement

A national outcry has resulted On Internet forums and Web logs, television and radio talk shows the question is the same - why would the U.S. military charge one of its own with murder for killing the enemy in wartime?

"We want to kill people who are the enemy," said one ranking mili-tary official, who would only discuss the case on condition of ano nymity. "But we are Marines. We have honor, and we fight according to the rules. You just can't execute prisoners?

The case has taken a toll on Pantano and his wife, Jill, who live in a quiet subdivision in Wilmington with their two sons, Sandro, 2, and Nicolo, 4 months, about 70 miles from Camp Lejeune, where Pantano is based

Civilian friends describe him as a "renaissance man" with wide cultural interests. On the family's bookshelves are volumes on phi losophy and cooking, law and new media, classic works by literary masters, and a scant few dealing with military subjects.

"It is extremely difficult," Jill Pantano said. "There he is home safe and alive, and to have these charges pressed against him after he served in Iraq so honorably, it is a disgrace



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Ex-Sanchez aide to take intelligence post

Appointment of Maj. Gen. Barbra Fast had been put on hold during Abu Ghraib probe

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON Va - Two of the top officers who served under Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez in Iraq - and were responsible for oversight of the units at Abu Ghraib de tention facility at the time - have been

given new high-profile jobs. Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, who served as chief of intelligence for Sanchez, will take command of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, Ariz, on Wednes-

Cleared of wrongdoing by military investigators, Fast will be handed the colors of the service's main intelligence training schoolhouse from Gen. Kevin Byrnes, the commander of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, according to Fort Huachuca spokesman Maj. Paul Karnaze.

The top post at the Intelligence Center has been vacant since Maj. Gen. James A Marks left in June. Although Fast arrived as Marks was leaving with orders to take over the school, her assignment was put into a nine-month limbo as investigators looked into her role in Abu Ghraib scandal

An investigation led by former Defense

Secretary James Schlesinger released in August criticized Fast, finding that she 'failed to advise (Sanchez) properly on the directives and policies needed" for interrogations and for inadequately monitoring

CIA operations at the detention facilities Since then, however, internal Army investigations have cleared Fast of any

While he said Fast will offer a brief news

conference after assuming command, he

does not expect her to entertain questions

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Walter Wojda-kowski, Sanchez's deputy commander in

Iraq, has been given a postion of greater re-

sponsibility as acting deputy commander

of Army forces in Europe, directly under

"Her focus is on the future now," he

800th Military Police Brigade and the wrongdoing. "She's Market She's maintained that she had a job mainto do and got on with. Her focus is tained that

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Mai. Paul Karnaze Fort Huachuca Ariz snokesman

> their commanders were harshly criticized for weak and ineffectual leadership that directly contributed to the abuses, according to several investigations An investigation led by Lt. Gen. Anthony

> Gen. B.B. Bell, said Lt. Col. Jane Crichton.

a U.S. Army Europe spokeswoman. The po-sition is traditionally a three-star assign-

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Jones concluded that Wojdakowski along with Sanchez "failed to ensure proper staff oversight of detention and interrogation on erations," highlighting Wojdakowski's "di rect oversight" of the two brigade com-

Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, commander of the 800th MP Brigade, who recently received a letter of reprimand for leadership failures, said Wojdakowski once told her "I don't care if we're holding 15,000 innocent civilians! We're winning the war!" according to a sworn statement by Karpinski obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union through the Freedom of Information

Both Wojdakowski and Sanchez - who remains commander of V Corps - are still

under investigation.
Until recently Wojdakowski had remained Sanchez's deputy in Germany, after returning from Iraq. According to the Army General Officer Management Office in Washington. Woidakowski had been reassigned, serving as "special assistant" Bell, a job that does not otherwise exist at that level.

In real terms, Crichton said, Wojdakowski now works as Bell's acting deputy and chief of staff. Traditionally either job is a career-enhancing position usually reserved for leaders being groomed for promotion.

> Gitmo detainees' transfer blocked

by federal judge

The Associated Press

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emergency petition blocks any attempt to move the Yemenis until

a hearing is held on their lawyers' request for at least 30 days notice if their clients are to be trans-

"All we want is an opportunity

to ask the court to review whether the U.S. government is acting

properly to move our clients out of Guantanamo." Falkoff said.

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Afghan baby is a special delivery

U.S. soldiers help mother give birth on Black Hawk en route to base

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan - The population of Afghanistan grew slightly Saturday, thanks in part to a pair of Black Hawk crews and a 25-year-old flight medic from

Wiesbaden, Germany. Wiesbaden, Germany.

Army Spc. Kyle Storbakken helped an Afghan mother deliver a healthy 61/2-pound baby while aboard the Black Hawk flying to the U.S. military base Salerno.

"This was my first delivery," Storbakken said via a phone interview from Salerno, a re-mote base a few hours away by helicopter from Bagram

It was the first such delivery that anyone associated with the current medical mission in country had knowledge of. Col. John Giddens, the commander of the 249th General Hospital at Bagram, said most Afghans the hospital sees are those critically injured by mines, accidents or attacks by anti-coalition forces.

"It's very nice to have a joyful emerg coming through our doors," he said.

Peer Mullah Khan, the baby's father, is a leader of the village next to the U.S. outpost at Skhin. Through a translator, he said he came to U.S. troops for help when his wife started

struggling during labor. Giving birth isn't a new experience for his wife, Melawa. The baby girl, who hasn't been named yet, is the couple's 14th child. Two have died, but the others - ranging from the newest addition to a 19-year old girl — make for a large family. Two sons currently serve in the Afghan army

American officials said they agreed to take the mother and father aboard the aircraft because it appeared that the placenta was between the baby and the birth canal, potentially putting both lives at risk. Fortunately, that turned out to not be the case

In order to save time, one helicopter was dispatched from Salerno to Skhin to pick up the mother while another left Bagram to fly to Salerno. While the first helicopter was on its way back from the village to Salerno, the mother gave birth.

Company (Air Ambulance) at Wiesbaden, said he couldn't recall any specific emotions he had while helping deliver the baby.

"I guess you don't really think about what's going on until it's all over," he said.

Capt. Richard Mangini, the executive officer of the 68th Medical Company, of which Storbakken is a part, said in-air births are a rarity. And it was even more special because of who was delivering the baby

"He's our youngest and probably most inexperienced medic in terms of time on the job,' he said.

Storbakken said he's already received several good-natured jabs by his peers.

"Some of the guys have been calling me daddy," he said

The real father and mother were expected to travel back to Salerno from Bagram on Monday with the newest member of their fam-

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Army doctor seeks stateside care for 3-year-old Iraqi boy

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Strines

BAQOUBA, Iraq — Abb isn't like most 3-year-old boys. Abbasi He hardly ever smiles or talks. Abbasi often runs a fever of 106 degrees, and when he lays down on his back, the outline of his swollen spleen can be seen pushing through his stomach.

"I was with him the one time he smiled," said Spc. Penney Gainer. "It was my happiest moment since he has been here."

Qais Abbas, better known as Abbasi, is suffering from something that can't be pinpointed by the Iraqi doc-

Baqouba or American ones at Forward Operating Base Warhorse So Dr

(Capt.) Matthew J. Carter, a pediatrician at the

Teal Medical Aid Station, is pulling strings to have Abbasi flown for treatment to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Abbasi, the son of a coalition-friendly tribal sheik, or village leader, is thought to be suffering from leukemia or another disease that has caused his spleen and liver to swell and his blood counts to be dangerously low.

Abassi's enlarged spleen gives his lungs less room to work, Carter said, making the boy work a little harder for every breath he

Transporting Abbasi to the states for diagnosis and treatment has to be justified to the State Department or Defense Department

We don't want to advertise that we can help every kid in town," he said. Doing so, Carter said, would undercut the Iraqis' own medical providers

"But this is a very sick kid, and we care," he added

Carter said he hoped a decision would be made within a week or

The Teal clinic is part of Com pany C, 203rd Forward Support Battalion, part of the 42nd Infantry Division's Task Force Liberty. Its Level 2 care capabilities enable the staff to treat everyday calls, sick

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weeks of operation, the staff treated 392 patients, including 112 Iraqis. Some of the staff have adonted Abbasi as one of their own. Gainer, of Cary, Ill., cradles Abbasi

Joy Maine of Snohomish, Wash., handles the day care. The first time I saw him I felt really had because he looked really sick," Maine said. "Sometimes I'll take him outside for fresh air to get him out of his bed.

during the night shift, while Spc.

On Thursday the staff threw a little party for Abbasi, his third birthday. His gifts included a big. red stuffed bear, some clothes and other goodies.

Col. Steven Salazar, command-



Dr. (Capt.) Matthew J. Carter holds Qais Abbas, better known as Abbasi. Carter, a pediatrician at the Capt. John Teal Medical Aid Station at Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Baqouba, Iraq, is trying to get approval for Abbasi to be flown to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for diagnosis of an undetermined medical condition.

er of the Warhorse-based 3rd Brigade Combat Team, said the request to transport Abbasi to Washington for treatment was a good use of U.S. taxpayer dollars.

"With all the dollars going into the overall fight, the dollars spent to take care of this boy is less than a drop in the bucket," Salazar said. "But it means a lot to the boy and a lot to a lot of people in (the province of) Divala.

Abbasi is one of 22 children of

Sheik Ahmed Abdun al-Ahmeri of Bani Saad, located between Baghdad and Baqouba. He said he feels his son is part of his own body and is ready to do anything to make him feel better

"I trust in God first," said Abdun, a Shiite, through a translator. "And then I trust the American physicians to help my son be

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U.S. troops seize drugs, detain nine. officials say

KARACHI. Pakistan U.S. Navy ship in the Arabian Sea seized more than two tons of hashish from a ship off Pakistan's coast and detained nine suspected drug traffickers, a Pakistani official said Monday.

The USS Bunker Hill made the seizure on Sunday and the nine Pakistani suspects were handed over to local authorities, said Lt. Cmdr. Khawar Hasan Khan, a spokesman for the Maritime Security Agency.

Khan said the boat was car rying 6,000 pounds of hashish. It was seized near Gawadar, a coastal town about 300 miles west of Karachi.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, the U.S. Navy has regularly patrolled the Arabian Sea off the Pakistani coast to search for terror suspects, he said.

Pakistan is an ally of the United States in the war against terrorism

Separately, Pakistani paramilitary troops seized 1,552 pounds of hashish after a shootout with suspected traffickers in southwestern Baluchistan province, said Lt. Col. Rizwan Malik, whose Frontier Corps made the drug haul. Malik said the seizure was

made Sunday night near the Afghan border and the suspected smugglers fled.

No one was arrested and no injuries were reported.

Drug hauls are common in Pakistan, which straddles a route for narcotics from Afghanistan that are destined mostly for the lucrative European and Middle East mar-

Also on Monday in Baluchistan, which borders Af-ghanistan, police seized 2,612 pounds of morphine from a pounds of morphine from a house in Chaghai area, said Capt. Mohammed Ali, an offi-cial with the Anti-Narcotics No one was inside the house

at the time, he said.

AF plans \$15M runway

KONA. Hawaii - The Air Force plans to build a \$15 million runway at the Big Island's Kona

Airport The Air Force plans to use it to train a new squadron of C-17 Globemaster cargo iets.

The runway will be built between the ocean and the existing runway at Kona, said 1st Lt. Craig Savage, an Air Force spokesman.

He says there is no timetable to build the runway since no Air Force money has been appropriated for the project.

The first of eight C-17 Globemaster cargo jets will arrive at Hickam Air Force Base in Janu-

One new four-engine C-17 is expected to arrive at Hickam each month from Boeing's Long Beach, Calif., factory.

From The Associated Press

IN THE WORLD

China passes anti-secession legislation

New law authorizes use of force against Taiwan

BY CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

The Associated Press

BELJING - China's parliament enacted a law Monday authorizing force to stop rival Taiwan from pursuing formal independence, sparking outrage on the self-governing island and warnings that the measure would fuel regional tensions

The ceremonial National People's Congress passed the law despite U.S. appeals for restraint. It came a day after President Hu Jintao called on China's military to be ready for war and followed a 12.6 percent increase in the country's defense budget for

Premier Wen Jiabao said the mainland still wants to unite peacefully with the island and doesn't want to disrupt the status quo.

"It is not targeted at the people of Taiwan, nor is it a war bill," Wen said at a news conference. But he also warned outsiders not to get involved: "We do not wish to see foreign interference

A Taiwanese government spokesman rejected the measure as a "serious provocation."

"It also brought emotional pain to the Taiwanese people, restricts Taiwan's freedom and democracy, and has a serious impact on security in the East-Asia region," said Joseph Wu, chairman of the island's Mainland Affairs Council, which handles policy toward Beijing.

In a session broadcast on national television, the Chinese delegates burst into applause after the law was approved by a 2,896-0 vote, with two abstentions. The body usually votes overwhelmingly for Communist Party policies, but the emphatic result was meant to send a message of the intensity of Beijing's sentiment on the issue.

Taiwan and China split in 1949. Beijing has threatened repeatedly to attack if it tries to make its de facto independence permanent. The United States is Taiwan's biggest arms supplier and could be drawn into any conflict over the island.

A leading Taiwanese lawmaker criticized the measure as a "savage law.

It shows that China "feels futile and doesn't know how to deal with Taiwan's democracy and free-dom," said Chen Chin-jun, a member of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party.

"We can clearly see that Taiwan and China ... are not one China. They are two Chinas or one country on each side," Chen said in Taipei. "Whatever law they passed, Taiwan has its own sovereignty, govern-

ment, country and democracy."

The law says China would "employ nonpeaceful means and other necessary measures to protect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity." It said such steps could be taken if Taiwan declared formal independence, if "major incidents" occurred causing Taiwan to separate permanently from China, or if "possibilities for a peaceful reunification should be completely exhausted."

The law doesn't give details of what specific developments might trigger an attack. It adds no new threats or conditions, but it codifies the measures for authorizing military action.

Legislators said the law would send a message

that Beijing's patience was wearing thin.

"For us in the armed forces, this gives us a legal foundation on which to make our preparations to maintain our sovereignty and territorial integrity," said Lt. Zhang Shantong, a delegate from the People's Liberation Army.



A pro-Taiwan independence demonstrator displaying anti-China slogan sits outside the Legislature during a rally against China's anti-secession law on Monday in Taipei, Taiwan.

Russia, Pakistan among few to support controversial law

The Associated Press

TOKYO - China's threat Monday to oppose Taiwanese independence with military force triggered a call for peaceful dialogue from Japan and a discussion of Australia's treaty obligations should a war break out. But Russia and Pakistan supported Beijing's new legislation.

"I want the two sides to work hard toward a peaceful solution, so there will not be any negative impact," said Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, whose government recently declared a diplomatic resolution of the Taiwan dispute as a strategic objective with the United States.

An outbreak of hostilities would be a severe blow to stability in East Asia, possibly prompting a response from the United which has some 50,000 troops in Japan and 35,000 in South Korea — to defend Taiwan.

Such a conflict could pin top U.S. allies in the area such as Japan and Australia between treaty obligations to Washington and reluctance to alienate China, which is assuming a growing political and economic role in the re-

Russia on Monday reaffirmed Moscow's opposition to indepen-dence for Taiwan and said it considered the question of Taiwan an internal matter for China, a top strategic partner for Russia in

Not all Asian countries were worried about the move. Paki-stan, a long time ally of China, supported the new law

Premier: China won't abolish death penalty

BEIJING - China has no plans to abolish its death penalty but is carrying out reforms to ensure that it is used prudently, Premier

Wen Jiabao said Monday. China is believed to account for most of the world's court-ordered executions, putting to death hundreds of people a year for crimes ranging from murder to such nonviolent offenses as tax evasion.

"Given our national conditions we cannot abolish the death penaltv." Wen said.

Activists complain that death sentences often are handed out during anti-crime crackdowns for nonviolent offenses that weren't capital crimes at the time they were committed.

The communist government doesn't release detailed statistics on how many people are execut-But estimates by human rights groups for 2003 ranged from about 700 to more than 5.000. Estimates of China's portion of court-ordered executions worldwide range from two-thirds to more than 90 percent.

Death sentences in China are automatically appealed but rarely overturned.

"More than half the countries in the world still have the death penalty," Wen said.



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Tsunami survivors find love in odd place

BY MICHAEL CASEY
The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Karmila Wati first noticed Samsol Winda's smile when he checked her into a refugee camp after their homeland was lashed by Asia's deadly tsunami. Winda kept coming back to ensure Wati and her family were getting relief supplies and soon romance bloomed.

The couple — who both lost their homes and some relatives in

the tsunami — married at a mosque on Monday and then held a party for fellow survivors under a leaky United Nations tarp in their survivors' camp.

The wedding ceremony was a first for the camp and brought rare smiles to the faces of people still traumatized by the Dec. 26 disaster that killed more than 125,000 in their home province of Aceh and left some 400,000 homeless.

"This is so unbelievable. I never thought I'd meet my hus-

band in a refugee camp," said Wati, 21, sitting next to her husband in their tent. "It must mean that good things will come after

all this tragedy."

The newlyweds wore traditional Acehnese wedding clothes—
Wati in a yellow dress with a golden, spiked crown while Winda, 25, wore a black and yellow coat, a green hat and a small sword

known as a rencong at his side.

For the 50 guests — mostly dressed in donated T-shirts and rubber sandals — the party was a

brief respite from their ownproblems and showed a glimmer of normalcy in the badly damaged provincial capital of Banda Aceh.

Camp residents volunteered to help out.

"This ceremony helps us forget everything we have been through," said Dewi, 28, as she washed dishes from the party. It was gratifying to see someone happy for a day, said Dewi, who like many Indonesians uses only one name.



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Karmila Wati looks in a mirror before her wedding Monday at a refugee camp in Mata Ie, Aceh Besar, Indonesia.

Pirates attack Japanese boat near Malaysia, kidnapping 3

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Pirates attacked a Japanese-registered tugboat in Malaysian territorial waters Monday, and three people were believed to have been taken hostage, officials said.

The tugboat's owner notified Japan's Foreign Ministry that pirates had attacked the Idaten in the Malacca Strait at about 7:30 pm. and kidnapped two Japanese—the captain and chief engineer—as well as a Filipino engineer, the ministry said in a statement.

The ministry said it was still confirming the information and had established a task force.

"The government will do its utmost for their safe and early release." the statement said.

Noel Choong, regional manager of the International Maritime Bureau's Kuala Lumpur-based piracy watch center, said the crew had contacted the center for help, saying an unknown number of armed pirates were trying to storm the boat in waters off norther Penang island. Kyodo News agency reported 14 crew were aboard the tugboat.

Police patrol vessels were immediately dispatched to the area, Choong said.

Japan's coast guard issued a warning to ships in the region advising caution, coast guard spokesman Masafumi Fujii said.

The incident is the third such attack in the Malacca Strait since the Dec. 26 Isunami, which some experts had thought may have decimated pirates who had long plagued the waterway between Sumatra island and peninsular Malaysia. The shipping lane is used by about 50,000 vessels annually.

"The long absence of pirates is over now," Choong said earlier after the IMB said an Indonesian-owned tanker was attacked Saturday. "The attacks are starting again."

The IMB recorded 37 pirate attacks in the 550-mile-long Malacca Strait last year, up from 28 in 2003. Most attacks involved vessels being fired on and crew kidnapped for ransom.



S. Korean protesters slash fingers over islets

SEOUL - Two South Korean demonstrators each cut off a finger outside the Japanese Embassy in Seoul on Monday to protest Tokyo's territorial claim to a set of islets controlled by South Korea. Japan re-

called its ambassador over the same issue.

The demonstrators' protest followed a proposal by Japanese provincial lawmakers to establish a commemoration day to bolster Tokyo's claim to the small islands, called Dokdo in Korea and Takeshima

Ambassador Toshiyuki Takano returned to Tokyo on Sunday to "brief officials on the current situation and how to respond," said Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda

Hosoda refused to specify the reason for Takano's return, but it came after the diplomat infuriated South Koreans last month by saying the islets are "his-

torically and legally part of the Japanese territory. An ambulance quickly took away a middle-aged woman who sliced off her finger with a cutter outside the embassy. Another protester who also cut off

his finger was removed by police. South Korea has warned it is willing to risk its rela-

tions with Japan over the territorial dispute The volcanic islets, which lie between the two countries in the Sea of Japan — surrounded by rich fishing grounds - have long caused diplomatic friction between South Korea and Japan. South Korea has stationed a small detachment of police on the otherwise uninhabited islets, effectively controlling them



Kyung-ja shows her bloody hand after she cut her finger during a rally against Japan's claims over a disputed set of islets in front of the lana. nese Embassy in Seoul on Monday.

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Report: Kim's son escaped '03 plot

SEOUL - North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's eldest son escaped an assassination attempt in China last year, according to a news report Monday.

Chinese authorities may have been aware of the attempt to kill Kim Jong Nam, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said, citing an unnamed South Korean intelligence official. The report gave no other details.

South Korea's National Intelligence Service declined to immediately comment on the report.

Austrian officials denied a report about an alleged assassination attempt in November against Kim Jong Nam while he was visiting.

Kim Jong Nam was once believed to be favored to replace Kim Jong II in the country's hereditary succession of power. However, he is believed to have lost his chance after he embarrassed his father in 2001 by being detained while trying to enter Japan on a false passport to visit Tokyo's Disneyland. He was later released and had been reportedly staying in China.

Pesticide deaths

MANILA. Philippines - Laboratory tests show that 27 schoolchildren who died after eating cassava roots last week were poisoned with pesticide, health ex-perts said Monday.

Authorities earlier said they sus pected the victims from Mabini town on central Bohol island were sickened with cyanide poisoning that occurs if the starchy cassava roots are not properly cooked.

But Health Secretary Manuel Davrit told a news conference that tests showed pesticide was likely the cause.

Carbamate pesticide is a commonly used in farms and households on Bohol and may have already been in the environment. toxocologists said.

From The Associated Press

New anti-Syria protest draws many thousands

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Hundreds of thousands of opposition demonstrators chanted "Freedom, sovereignty, independence' and unfurled a huge Lebanese flag in Beirut on Monday, the biggest protest yet in the opposition's duel of street rallies with supporters of the Damascus-backed gov-

Crowds of men, women and children flooded Martyrs Square, spilling over into nearby streets, while more from across the country packed the roads into Beirut.

"We are coming to liberate our country. We are coming to deTrad. a veiled Sunni Muslim woman who traveled from the remote region of Dinniyeh in northern Lebanon to take part

The assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri exactly one month ago sparked the series of protests against Syria, the dominant power in Lebanon.

The throngs fell silent at 12:55 p.m. - the exact time Hariri was killed four weeks ago by a huge bomb in Beirut. The silence was broken only by church bells tolling and the flutter of flags.

Monday's protest easily topped pro-government rally of hundreds of thousands of people last week by the Shiite Muslim mili-

of strength forced the opposition to try to regain its momentum.

Syria's military withdrawal continued Monday, with intelligence agents closing two offices in the northern towns of Amyoun and Deir Ammar, on the coastal road between the port of Tripoli and the Syrian border. Intelligence agents also dismantled two checkpoints in the Akkar area. About 50 intelligence agents in all departed for unknown destinations. although it was believed to be northern Svria.

The opposition is demanding a full Syrian withdrawal, the resig-nations of Lebanese security chiefs and an international inves-



Opposition protesters carry placards against Syrian president Bashar Assad and his late father, Hafez, during a demonstration Monday in Lebanon. Hundreds of thousands of Lebanese answered a call for a massive protest to demand a full Syrian troop withdrawal.

tigation into Hariri's Feb 14 assassination

A senior Lebanese army officer said Sunday that 4,000 Syrian soldiers - more than a quarter of those serving in Lebanon just a week ago - have been brought back to Syria.

Zeina Karam of The Associated Press

Israel's Sharon approves final route for barrier wall

BY MARK LAVIE The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Prime Minis ter Ariel Sharon has approved the final route of a barrier around Jerusalem that will include the largest Jewish settlement in the West Bank on the Israeli side, officials said Monday, prompting Palestinian complaints that Israel is endangering peace efforts.

The decision means the harrier will encompass lands claimed by the Palestinians for a future state including traditionally Arab east Jerusalem, the intended Palestinian capital. The barrier also will include a chunk of the Palestinian town of Bethlehem, south of Jerusalem, to encompass a Jewish shrine, officials said.

Israel began building a separation barrier in the West Bank two years ago, saying its aim was to keep out Palestinian attackers.

Palestinians say Israel could have built the barrier on its own

territory if the only concern was security. They say the real intention was to grab West Bank land and draw a final border without

waiting for a peace deal. Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat warned that approval of the Jerusalem segment could de-

stroy efforts to revive peace talks. "This is a policy of dictation and not negotiation," Erekat said. This prejudges and prejudices

the outcome of permanent status negotiations." The barrier — a complex of walls, fences, trenches, barbed

wire and electronic devices - is expected to run about 425 miles. One-third of the barrier has been completed.

In the West Bank city of Ramal lah, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said after a meeting with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas that the United Nations is establishing a register of damages to Palestinian property and

A demonstrator bangs with a rock on the gate of the Palestinian Authority presidential compound as Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas meets U.N Secretary-General Kofi Annan during a demonstration against Israel's separation barrier in Ramallah.

claims against Israel resulting from the barrier construction.

"We are establishing that register to be able in time to help with those claims," he said.

As Annan spoke, Palestinian policemen restrained hundreds of demonstrators at the main gate of the government compound.

The demonstrators carried

signs reading, "Resist the wall until its collapse," and "Bring down the wall," and scuffled with policemen, throwing rocks at the main gate of the compound.

Annan said the U.N. position on the barrier is clear. The General Assembly has passed a resolution against the barrier, and the U.N.'s world court said in an advisory ruling last year it was illegal and must be torn down.

The decision on the final route of the Jerusalem segment of the barrier was made late Sunday in a meeting of senior Cabinet ministers chaired by Sharon, a senior government official said on condition of anonymity.

Under the plan, prepared by the National Security Council, the West Bank settlement of Maaleh Adumim would be included on Israel's side of the barrier. Eleven crossings would be built into the barrier to allow access from the West Bank, and construction will be completed by year's end, the of-



Bibi. 14. a shy ethnic-Pashtun Afghan girl, is hiding from her father, who wants to force her into marriage to an older man she doesn't know.

Afghan girls still forced into marriage

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Bibi, 14, has never seen the father who wants to sell her into marriage with a stranger.

She hid when he sent police to her village home in northern Afghanistan a month ago. Her elder brother Kareem refused to hand her over and was dragged off to jail. But Bibi found sanctuary with a sympathetic relative in Kabul, where she now lives in fear her father will one day catch up with her.

The relative, Shahnoz, said the girl's father is not interested in finding a suitable mate for his daughter and only wants to get his hands on the dowry.

Bibi's story is far from unique. Despite the re-emergence of democracy and women's rights in Afghanistan, human rights officials say between 60 percent and 80 percent of marriages in the country are forced on women.

Girls and women are often wedded off for economic gain or to settle scores between feuding families, even though both practices run counter to civil and Islamic law. While marriages arranged by families are the norm in this conservative Muslim country, they are meant to have the consent of the bride and

In Bibi's case the groom is a wealthy, older man looking for a second wife. Her relatives reckon he is willing to pay about \$7,000 for her - a small fortune in one of the world's noorest countries

"My father does not care about my life, said Bibi, who like many Afghans, goes by one name. "He never brought clothes or food. My family is my mother and Kareem.

Bibi, Shahnoz and Kareem — who was re cently released from jail — agreed to speak to The Associated Press in hope that publicizing the girl's plight might stop her estranged father from forcing her into marriage. The fa

ther, Rafur, could not be reached for com-

Shahnoz said she doesn't want Bibi to suffer the same fate as the girl's mother forced by violence into a loveless union. After her first husband died, she was compelled to marry Rafur, his brother, who beat her when she resisted. The marriage — a customary matchup for an Afghan widow - broke down

Rafur only returned into their lives when Bibi was 14 and deemed by him ready for marriage — although still two years below the legal age for women.

Fawzia Amini, deputy director of the law and rights department at the Ministry of Women's Affairs, said the department investigates about 500 cases a year of abuse against

She said victims can seek legal support for getting a divorce, but such a step is so socially detrimental to the woman that it's usually bet-ter to try to force the husband to cooperate with authorities and rescue the marriage.

IN THE STATES

Mfume announces 2006 Senate run

BALTIMORE - Former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume announced Monday that he will run for the U.S. Senate in 2006.

"It is with great pride and deep humility that I announce to you today my candidacy for the Senate of the United States," Mfume said ews conference in Baltimore.

Mfume, who was a five-term U.S. congressman before becomi president of the Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, issued the statement after incumbent Paul Sarbanes announced Friday that he will not run for re-election.

Jackson's accuser back on stand

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Michael Jackson's attorney challenged the credibility of the pop star's accuser Monday by cross-examining him about similarities between a statement he testified Jackson made

and a statement the boy had attributed to his grandmother. Cross-examination of the 15-year-old who claims Jackson molested him resumed after a three-day break in testimony.

Attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. recalled that the boy testified Thursday that Jackson told him that if men don't masturbate they might rape women. The attorney noted that the boy told sheriff's investigators in an interview that his grandmother had told him the same thing.

New Disney CEO named

LOS ANGELES — Michael Eisner, the longtime CEO of The Walt Disney Co., will step down a year earlier than expected, handing over the reins to Robert Iger and ending a tumultuous stint atop the enter-

Iger, 54, the firm's current president and chief operating officer, was named to succeed Eisner as chief executive. He will assume his new role Oct. 1., Disney's board said.

Ex-Bush adviser Hughes tapped for State post

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Declaring the United States

must do a "better job of engaging the Muslim world, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice introduced former presidential adviser Karen Hughes Monday as the Bush administration's choice for a State Department post designed to change Islamic perceptions about

"I'm eager to listen and to learn," said Hughes, who, pending confirmation by the Senate, would become undersecretary of state for public diplomacy with the rank of ambassador.

Rice said the United States must do much more to counter the "hateful propaganda" that is so common in the Islamic world. She said Hughes believes strongly that the Unit-

ed States "must mobilize young people around the world to shatter the mistrust of past grievances and

Also in attendance at the ceremony was Dina Pow-ell, an Egyptian-born former White House aide who is slated to be a top aide to Hughes

Hughes, who for years has had a major voice in crafting President Bush's domestic message, is a former counselor to the president who left the White House in 2002 to move her family back to Texas

She is also a former Texas television reporter. She has continued to advise the president from her home in Austin. Although not a diplomat by training, Hughes had a hand in several foreign policy initiatives during Bush's first term, including efforts to pro mote democracy and improve the lives of

women and children in Afghanistan Hughes and Powell will focus on Bush's plan to spread democracy in the Middle East, an effort that has gained momentum with re-

cent elections in Iraq and the Palestinian territories.



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Ga. hostage recalls ordeal with escapee

BY ELIOTT C. McLAUGHLIN The Associated Press

ATLANTA — As the Fulton County Courthouse reopened Monday — nearly 72 hours after a judge, deputy and court stenographer were shot dead there Friday - accounts emerged detailing the ordeal of the woman whom the alleged gunman held hostage before she notified police of his whereabouts

The woman, Ashley Smith, came forward Sunday saying Brian Nichols let her go after they bonded while discussing God, family, pancakes and the mas-

sive manhunt going on outside her apartment.

Authorities said the rampage started when Nichols overpowered a sheriff's deputy who was transporting Nichols for the resumption of his trial on rape and other charges.

Nichols could appear in court as early as Tuesday, authorities said.

Judge Rowland Barnes and his court stenogra pher, Julie Brandau, had been working Nichols' trial when they were killed. Sheriff's Sgt. Hoyt Teas-ley was killed outside the courthouse, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent David Wilhelm was killed later.

Smith was hailed as a hero for the way she handled herself after Nichols confronted her in the parking lot of her anartment when she returned from a store around 2 a.m. Saturday.

"She acted very cool and levelheaded," said Gwinnett County Police Officer Darren Moloney. "It was an absolutely best-case scenario that happened, a

complete opposite of what you expected to happen Over the course of the night, Nichols untied Smith, and some of the fear lessened as they talked. Nichols told Smith he felt like "he was already dead," but Smith urged him to consider the fact that he was still alive a "miracle."

"I believe God brought him to my door," Smith said Sunday.

"You're here in my apartment for some reason," she told him, saying he might be destined to be caught

and to spread the word of God to fellow prisoners.

After Smith left the apartment and called police, officers soon surrounded her suburban apartment complex and Nichols gave up peacefully, waving a white towel in surrender.

"I honestly think when I looked at him that he didn't want to do it anymore," Smith said. If he did



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Ashley Smith recounts her hostage experience with murder suspect Brian Nichols during an interview Sunday in Atlanta. Smith said her ordeal began with the man sticking a gun in her side and tying her up, but ended with the weapons on the floor as he let her go to see her young daughter.

not give up, she told him, "Lots more people are prob-

ably going get hurt and you're probably going to die."
Choking back tears Sunday, she said she told
Nichols that her husband died four years ago and if
he hurt her, her little girl wouldn't have a mother or father. Smith's attorney, Josh Archer, said her husband died in her arms after being stabbed. Smith's 5-year-old daughter was not at the apartment during the ordeal.

The two talked about the Bible and she handed

him photos of her family. When morning came. Smith said, Nichols was "overwhelmed" when she made him pancakes with real butter. He told her he "just wanted some normalness to his life," she said.

When Nichols finally let Smith go to a planned meeting with her daughter, he said he wanted to stay at the apartment for a few more days.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Monday that a courthouse surveillance camera recorded Nichols' initial surprise attack on Deputy Cynthia Hall but that no one in the control center noticed the

A video camera that is supposed to be monitored by two guards in a command post shows Nichols lunging at Hall and knocking her backward, according to a law enforcement official who saw the tape.

BTK profile on, off target

Developing pre-arrest theories is not an exact science

BY DANA STRONGIN Knight Ridder/Tribune

WICHITA Kan - Criminal profilers. Wichita police. A psychic. BTK himself.

Since the serial killer first struck Wichita in 1974, a lot of people have shared theories about him: where he worked, his behaviors, his hobbies.

Now, after 31 years, a suspect has been arrested. Dennis Rader, charged with 10 BTK killings, has been in jail for weeks.



Do pre-arrest theories about BTK match up to charged with the crimes some ways, yes. Police and others thought

he might blend into the community. Rader, a Boy Scout leader and president of his church council, was a college-educated, working family man in Park City, Kan.

In other ways, no. Police said BTK had a lifetime fascination with trains. Rader's vounger

brother Jeff said he was the train lover in the family, not Dennis.

The idea that BTK was a part of

the community was daring back in the late '70s, said Richard La-Munyon, who was police chief from 1976 to 1989. It went against the general profile, the kind you in made-for-TV movies: the serial killer as a loner, a man with no romantic prospects and an unsteady work history.

However, it wasn't exactly strange to suggest that BTK hung around Wichita State University, said Brian Withrow, an assistant professor of criminal justice at

the university. "They kept saying he was con-nected to WSU," he said. "Name

five people in Wichita who ain't.' Withrow said he couldn't think of a case in which a profile directly led to the apprehension of a per-

Although profiles draw on experts, some of them scientists, it's a "very subjective" kind of science, he said.

The possibility that BTK could be someone's neighbor was why police released a detailed list of potential BTK traits late last year, Withrow said.

The November list was culled from the serial killer's communications, police said.

Police had no choice but to re lease the description and assume it was accurate. Withrow said.

"If they had decided to not release it, they would run the risk of when they did catch the guy, he would say, 'Look, I told you who I was. But you didn't release the information.

A Minneapolis, Minn., profiler said police should have released more information about BTK and the killings.

The sooner police release details about a homicide, the more likely they are to get useful tips from the public, said Pat Brown, who has assisted police elsewhere by creating criminal pro-

"It's always kind of amusing to listen to individuals, especially people who aren't directly related to this investigation, make their forecast as to what kind of individual this is." LaMunyon said.

"They don't have all the facts." Someday we'll know more about BTK's background and what led him to kill, LaMunyon said. Any profiles developed during the investigation played only a small part in the case

You have to apply all of that knowledge — evidence, the victims — then you come up with a nicture



foreground is an example of an ethical will, a centuries-old practice of passing along values, beliefs and personal experiences to loved ones.

Ethical wills add human

BY LISA CORNWELL The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Judy Neal hopes she instilled some of her values in her son. But just in case, she wrote it down.

"Try to see both sides of a ory," she wrote in her ethical story," she wrote in ner com-will. "Look beyond the surface

and the obvious. It took me a while to learn this."

The use of ethical wills - a centuries-old practice of passing along beliefs, values and personal experiences to loved ones - has begun to re-emerge as catastrophic events underline the unpredictability of life and many see society as increasingly materialistic

The wills are not legally enforceable. But the founder of an elder law firm in Sarasota, Fla., said he suggests them to clients because they add more humanity to estate planning.

When you focus strictly on transmitting wealth and property. it can make it a very cold and heartless process for everyone," said Ira Wiesner of Advocates in

Aging. Organizations such as the AARP, the American Society on Aging, and the Spiritual Eldering Institute, have included the topic in their magazines and conference Spiritual counselors and health care specialists include it in courses, and financial advisers

and estate attorneys discuss ethical wills with clients. "People often feel invincible until they see cataclysmic events like 9/11 or the tsunami and realize that no one knows what will happen tomorrow and they better leave something to tell people who they were," said Karen Russell, founder and executive director of the Los Angeles-based National Grief Support Services Inc

"Even soldiers in Iraq are realizing this and writing their own forms of ethical wills through letters telling their family what to remember about them if they don't make it home."

Dr. Barry Baines, associate

medical director of Hospice of the Twin Cities, said the 75 hits or so daily on an ethical will Web site he began in 1999 jumped after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks

and now average about 800.

Baines, author of "Ethical Wills: Putting your Values on Penen" and many appropriate the second seco Paper." said many contacting are baby boomers who realize their parents' generation is dis-appearing and that they also are

"More and more of them are deciding that they want and need to leave behind more than money and possessions," the Min-neapolis doctor said.

While anyone can jot down their thoughts for family and friends, the formalized ethical wills offer a document more likely to be preserved through the

In Neal's case, her parents left no permanent record of their values and beliefs that could be passed on to future generations.

There are so many things I won't ever know about their thoughts and experiences," said Neal, 58. "I hope that my son has picked up some of my values and beliefs through the years, but I also want his children and their children to know who I was.'

Study challenges 'adult time for touch to estate planning adult crime' policies for youths

BY GREG SUKIENNIK

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Treating offenders under the age of 18 as adults in the criminal justice system makes it more likely they will re-offend when they emerge from prison, according to a national study of youthful offender laws.

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice, in a study titled "Childhood on Trial." said "adult time for adult crime" policies have failed. It hopes to restore the authority

of juvenile court judges to deter mine if iuveniles should be tried as adults and to hold the bound-

ary between childhood and adulthood at age 18.

The group said the judicial system's responsibilities are to give young offenders opportunities to make positive changes and set things right, while meting out punishment fairly.

"One way to do so is to ensure that juvenile offenders are provided with the rehabilitative services and resources generally available in the juvenile justice system and to reserve the use of adult sanctions for those older, chronic juvenile offenders for whom the juvenile courts resources have been exercised and exhausted.

the age of 17 are sent into the adult criminal justice system for any offense.

The study said that in states

with large numbers of youths in adult prisons, those youths are more likely to re-offend when they emerge from prison. It said teenagers in adult prisons are more vulnerable to adult criminals and are often mentored by powerful inmates, resulting in them being released as hardened, angry and possessing increased criminal skills

The study was scheduled to be released Monday at Northeastern University.

Recent arrests surprise mobsters, NYPD

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - It's getting harder to tell the cops from the crooks around here.

Imagine the surprise of 32 mobsters arrested this week including the head of the Gambino family, to discover their brother-in-firearms of the last two years was an undercover FBI agent doing an Al Pacino impersonation.

And imagine the disgust of New York police officials when a pair of retired detectives were arrested in an Italian restaurant on the Las Vegas strip, charged as mob hitmen responsible for eight murders and a failed plot to kill turncoat Sammy "The Bull" Gravano The stunning mob stories broke

n consecutive days in New York. still the center of the Mafia uni verse and home to five of its As details crime families. emerged, both tales assumed a Hollywood patina: the FBI agent was right out of "Donnie Brasco," while one of the two detectives had a bit part in "Goodfellas."

The Brasco sequel came 24 vears after FBI agent Joe Pistone. in the first case of its kind, inflitrated the Bonanno family. Like Pistone, the unidentified agent accepted by the once-mighty Gambino family was uniquely qualified.

More importantly to his associates in the Gambino family, the 50-something mob wannabe could deliver stolen watches, jewelry, plasma televisions. It wasn't until last Wednesday, when federal authorities arrested 32 of them. that the mobsters discovered his true affiliation

"They were all shocked," said Matt Heron, the New York-based FBI official who ran the two-year undercover operation.

Although the agent remains unidentified, FBI officials described him as a law enforcement veteran and a family man, with undercover experience and unfailing instincts.

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Judge: Calif. marriage law is unconstitutional

BY LISA LEFF

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - A judge ruled Monday that California's ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional, saying the state could no longer justify limiting marriage to a man and a woman

In the eagerly awaited opinion, likely to be appealed to the state's highest court, San Francisco County Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer said that withholding marriage licenses from gays and lesbians is unconstitutional

"It appears that no rational purpose exists for limiting marriage in this state to opposite-sex partners," Kramer wrote.

The judge wrote that the state's histori-

Kramer says state could no longer justify limiting marriage to a man and a woman

cal definition of marriage, by itself, cannot justify the denial of equal protection for gays and lesbians.

"The state's protracted denial of equal protection cannot be justified simply because such constitutional violation has be-

come traditional," Kramer wrote. Kramer ruled in lawsuits brought by the city of San Francisco and a dozen same-sex couples last March. The suits were brought after the California Supreme Court halted a four-week marriage spree that Mayor

Gavin Newsom had initiated in February 2004 when he directed city officials to issue marriage licenses to gays and lesbians in defiance of state law.

The plaintiffs said withholding marriage licenses from gays and lesbians trespasses on the civil rights all citizens are guaranteed under the California Constitution.

Robert Tyler, an attorney with the con servative Alliance Defense Fund, said the group would appeal Kramer's ruling. Attorney General Bill Lockver has said

eventually would have to be settled by the California Supreme Court.

A pair of bills pending before the California Legislature would put a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage on the November ballot. If California voters approve such an amendment, as those in 13 other states did last year, that would put the issue out of the control of lawmakers and the courts

In a hearing in December, Senior Assistant Attorney General Louis Mauro acknowledged that California is "a leader in affording rights" to same-sex couples. But he maintained that the state has a defensible reason for upholding the existing definition of marriage as part of an important tra-

Smallest infant to have robotic surgery recovers

BY TODD DVORAK The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Amber Vairo has grown two inches and gained nearly a pound, and the three tiny scars on her belly have all but vanished - along with any doubts she'd survive a complex surgery to fix a life-threatening condi-

Last month, at just 5.6 pounds and six days after birth, Amber became the smallest natient in the world to undergo robotic surgery of any kind, according to her doctors

at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics

She was born with a hole in her diaphragm, the abdominal muscle that is critical to breathing and forms a wall between the chest and abdomen

The condition, called congenital diaphragmatic hernia, can be fatal because the hole allows the intestines to migrate into the chest, put ting pressure on the heart, lungs and spleen that can strint organ growth or shut them down altogether.

"All signs are that she is recover-

ing and will be just fine," said Amber's mother. Nicole Hines, who brought the infant home for the first time last week.

"She is gaining about an ounce a day and eating every two or three hours. It was all very stressful for a while. But I'm very glad with the way things went." So are doctors

Amber's condition, known as a Bo chdalek hernia, affects about one in 3,000 babies and has a 25 percent mortality rate, said Dr. John Meehan, who led Amber's surgical



Nicole Hines of Chariton, Iowa, pats the head of her daughter, Amber Vairo, at University Hospital on March 3 in Iowa City, Iowa





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Volunteer pilots train to disarm a potential hijacker during in a weapon retention class at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga.

Gun-in-the-cockpit program progress upsetting to pilots

BY LESLIE MILLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - While the pace of training and deployment of armed pilots on commercial flights has picked up, supporters of the program say the Bush administration still is making it unnecessarily difficult for crews to take guns into the cockpit.

Pilots monitoring the program estimate between 4,000 and 4,500 have been trained and deputized to carry guns since the Federal Flight Deck Officer program began April 2003. That is about three times as many as a year ago, vet a fraction of the 95,000 pilots flying for U.S. airlines.

David Mackett, president of the Airline Pilots Security Alliance, a group formed to lobby for guns in the cockpit, said tens of thousands of his colleagues are interested in the program

"We have an armed pilots program that's arming very few pi-lots," said Mackett, who hasn't program is run. He said many oth-

ers won't join for the same reason. Mackett contends the Transportation Security Administration isn't moving to get substantially more pilots trained to carry guns because it has never really want-

TSA spokesman Mark Hatfield disputed that, saying agency chief David Stone fully backs the effort and that procedures have been changed to more quickly get

ed the program.

pilots into the program "I've got a pipeline with a cou-ple of thousand applicants and we're running two full classes a week," Hatfield said. The TSA can train about 50 pilots per class.

Last year, Congress failed to pass a bill that would speed the application and training process, allow pilots to carry guns in holsters and let those among them with military or law enforcement backgrounds carry guns immedi-

Mackett said the pilots will try

Report: Aviation security system still is susceptible

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The na-tion's aviation system remains vulnerable to attacks by al-Qaida and other terrorists who may be targeting noncommercial aircraft and helicopters, according to a

government report.

But officials said the report by the Homeland Security Depart-ment and FBI concludes that commercial airlines also remain sus ceptible to attack, despite billions of dollars worth of security invest-ments. Moreover, members of al-Qaida are believed to be examining and testing security systems for weaknesses, officials said.

The confidential report, dated Feb. 25, reflects what officials have long said: that heefing up security in one sector would inevitably prompt terrorists to target other areas that might not be under the same level of scrutiny.

However, the report, drafts of which have been circulating since late last year, is the first to pull the intelligence together in a single package, officials said.

It was distributed to state, local and private sector officials who deal with counterterrorism concerns, said Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse

Former Democratic leader Daschle joins Washington law firm as a policy adviser

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - Former Senate Demo cratic leader Tom Daschle plans to put his 26 years of experience in Congress to work at a Washington, D.C., law firm as a public policy adviser.

Daschle, who lost a re-election bid in November to Republican John Thune, said he won't lobby for Alston & Bird LLP, but will advise its clients on top ics with which he's familiar.

"I want to continue my involvement in the pub-

Those issues include energy, Native Americans, health care, international trade, agriculture and technology," he said Sunday in a telephone interview from his Washington home.
One of things he'll do is counsel clients on how to

work through legal and regulatory hurdles in Washington and internationally, he said. Daschle joins former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole,

who is already in the company's legislative and public policy group.

ents and Sensibility

Stomping out gas myths

NEW YORK - Gas prices are forecast to rise further, and the media are filled with tips on how to save on gas and get better mileage from your vehicle.

Unfortunately, with the good tins and tricks comes misinformation that can actually cost you time and money. So says Mark A. Baxter, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

He offers this advice on two less-than-useful tricks

Myth: Once you've filled your tank, twist the gas pump nozzle and tip up the hose to drain any last remnants of gasoline into

Believers claim this can put as much as an extra half-cup in your tank

Truth: "I don't think it's worth the value for your time and effort, but it is a few drips of gasoline," Baxter says. However, near a half-cup.

Myth: Buying your gasoline in the early morning or in the evening when it is cooler outside will save you money. Gas is moderately denser in cold temperatures. Proponents of this money-saver say that because gas pumps measure fuel volume rather than density, you'll get more for your money if you buy fuel when it's cool outside.

Truth: "You're not going to see much difference if you fill up on a 50-degree day or if you fill up on an 80-degree day," Baxter says.

That's because at filling stations, the gas is kept underground where the temperature is fairly stable.

Following this myth can even cost you time and money. Many people fuel up on their way to or from work, so you'll end up spending more time in line, idling your engine as you wait and wasting gas.

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Even with no guitar, British rock band Keane is winning devoted fans on both sides of the pond

done to death. The piano is a

blank canvas. And we've

been experimenting with

pedals and amps to mess

things up a bit. It's

really exciting. 77

BY ROSS RAIHALA

Knight Ridder Newspapers

the British trio Keane has experienced the sort of year most young bands would kill for. selling millions of records in Europe, winning two Brit Awards (England's answer to the Grammys) and performing to sellout crowds around the world

But what made the group, which seems set to reach Coldplay-like heights of fame, really nervous? Appearing on "Saturday Night Live" last month alongside guest host Paris Hilton

"It was scary, probably the most nerve-wracking thing we've had to do," said lead singer Tom Chaplin during a phone in-terview from Boston. "After a year of tour-

ing, we're used to playing shows. But with something like that, the expectation is so great. The show is an institution in the States.

Keane lived up to the challenge and won over a whole new audience of

fans in the process, play-ing their insanely melodic singles "Everybody's Changing" and "Somewhere Only We Know," a song that got its first blush of exposure in a Victoria's Se cret commercial.

Soon after the "SNL" performance, Keane's debut disc, "Hopes and Fears," re-entered the Billboard Top 100, with sales headed toward the million mark. But what about the really important stuff? What's Paris Hilton like?

"She was cool," said Chaplin. "Weirdly enough, she seemed a lot more intelligent and down to earth than she comes across.

It's a polite, mannered answer from a polite, man nered band. "Hopes and Fears" is filled with bright choruses, hummable melodies and an overall sense of nice that has earned Keane plenty of suspicious glances from rock's credibility police

And then there's Keane's lead guitarist, Or. more ac-

The band formed in 1997 and kicked around unsuc-cessfully for years. In 2002, they lost their guitar player and figured they'd have a go without a six- string.
"It really was incredibly liberating," Chaplin said.

"It forced us to try and change things up a bit. And we've found we can get the songs across in a much more clear way that suits the feel of the music much

Tim Rice-Oxley's pianos and synthesizers form the one of Keane's music, with live drummer Rich ard Hughes keeping the songs rooted in rock, rather than dance, music. pared-back instrumentation **L**Every guitar sound has been also focuses attention on Chaplin's angelic, lilting vo-

cals "Every guitar sound has been done to death," Chaplin said. "The piano is a blank canvas. And we've been experimenting with pedals and amps to mess things up a bit. It's really exciting." While Keane

has already connected American audi-

ences, they're not content to remain a

ences, they re not content to remain a passing fancy in this country. "Hopes and Fears" produced four hit singles in England, and they're, ahem, keen to replicate that success here. Chaplin said his band plans to spend much of the year touring the

"Whatever band you talk about, like U2 or Radiohead, there's an electricity about what they do," Chaplin said.

Tom Chaplin

They have songs that really connect with people give them a true emotional experience We aspire to that, and we're willing to put in the time.

British rock group Keane has made an impact on the American music charts after appearing on "Saturday Night Live." Lead singer Tom Chaplin, right, said appearing on "SNL" was "nerve-wracking."

Sampras, wife expecting second child

Former tennis star Pete Sampras and his wife are expecting a second child.

Sampras and actress Bridgette Wilson-Sampras are due to have the child this fall, their publicist, Deborah Grimes. said in a statement.

The couple married in September 2000. Their son, Christian Sampras, is 2.

In 1990, Sampras beat rival Andre Agassi in the final to become, at 19, the youngest champion in tournament histo-

Sampras retired from the tournament circuit after beating Agassi at the 2002 U.S. Open. Then 31, Sampras became the tournament's oldest winner since 1970.

Brooks takes care of his fan

One Garth Brooks fan who spent \$1,200 to buy a guitar signed by the country singer — only to find out it was a fake — has received an authentic signature

Toby Bradley, 34, a long-haul trucker, put the guitar up for auction on eBay in January hoping to raise \$50,000 for victims of the South Asian tsunami.

Brooks' attorney saw the eBay listing and asked Bradley to send it to him so the signature could be verified. It turned out to be fake, but Brooks signed the guitar and sent it back to Bradley

"I appreciate that they made it authentic," Bradlev said in a telephone interview with the Yakima Herald-Repub-

He said he was disappointed that he had not talked directly to Brooks, but still thinks Brooks is the greatest entertainer of all time.

Perlman to pay fine for contribution

Actress Rhea Perlman has agreed to a fine against the DeVito Family Trust for failing to file a major donor report on a \$10,000 con-

tribution to Californians for Schwarze negger in 2003. The state's Fair Political Practices Commission said it would fine the trust \$400 for failing to disclose political donations during the 2003 gubernatorial recall campaign that put Ar-

nold Schwarzenegger in office. Perlman, who is married to actor and director Danny DeVito, agreed to the fine in January on behalf of the



Perlman could not be reached for comment. Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Swank fights New Zealand customs fine Hilary Swank, the Oscar-winning star of fight flick "Mil-

lion Dollar Baby," is going toe-to-toe with New Zealand authorities over a \$150 fine for bringing

fruit into the country, local media reported Sunday. Swank was fined in January for failing to declare an apple and an orange in her luggage when she arrived at Auckland International Airport. The

Sunday Star-Times newspaper reported "It's a pretty standard practice to

issue an instant fine for a biosecurity risk," said Ministry of Agriculture Minchin.

are fined on the spot for not declaring products such as fruit, which cannot be imported into New Zealand, and hundreds contest the fines, Minchin said.

lions of dollars in damage to crops and livestock in other parts of the world and has strict quarantine guidelines. Swank has instructed lawyers to appear in court next week to contest the fine, the paper reported.



New Zealand is largely free of pests, which cause bil-

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8	NEWS	The O'Reilly Facto	r (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Nightly Business Report (CC)	Fox and Friends F	irst	American Morning					Tweety Mysteries Star Command		
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24	PBS	Dragon Tales "A New Friend; El Dia del Maestro"	Zoom Running an "Eggstacle Course." (El)	The NewsHour Wit	h Jim Lehrer (N)	Antiques Road- show FYI Stradi- varius violin. (N)	Scientific Ameri- can Frontiers 'Hid- den Motives'	On Stage at the Ke Writer and produce Mark Twain Prize to	r Lorné Michaels is p r American Humor, (f	resented the 2004	Crown of the Con- tinent Alaska's	Charlie Rose Stept (N) (CC)			
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27	A&E	City Confidential Police officer Linda Brown was convicted of shooting a fel- low officer. (CC) American Justice "Del Attorneys who gain not mob bosses. (CC)			'Defending the Mob' notoriety defending		"Death of a Bride" An	Bullied to Death (C	CC)	Biography "Sylvest	iography "Sylvester Stallone" Sylvester S				
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30	CNN-I	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Daybreak			•	American Morning	(CC)						
31	GOLF	•(4:30) European F Masters Final Rou	und. From Qatar.	Golf Central	Golf Channel Academy	●Golf With Style	Golf Academy Liv		Golf Academy Liv		Golf Central	Workshop	Golf With Style		
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34	TOON		Dexter's Laborato- ry	ardly Dog	Masters of the Universe	Justice League	Teen Titans	Cartoon Cartoon (Samurai Jack	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?	Mucha Lucha		
35	ANPL	nines compete. From	n Tampa, Fla. (CC)	inal Championship" N		Dog Show "AKC Eukanuba National Championship" More than 3,000 canines cor				demons of the animal kin			al kingdom. (CC)		
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40	NGC-A	Dangerous Jobs 1		Snake Wranglers Venomous snakes.	"South Africa"	Dogs With Jobs Sled dog in bikejor- ing.	'X-periment' Ideas.	Race Around Hong Kong	Spell of the Tiger	Protecting the Pre		Hong Kong's Big Bet Tracking Hong Kong's fascination with the sport of horse racing.			
42	SPIKE	* * "Kickboxer" (1 kickboxer swears ve	989, Adventure) Jea ngeance after his br	n-Claude Van Damm other is crippled. (CC	e, Dennis Alexio. A	MXC	MXC	World's Wildest Po	lice Videos (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	Shipmates	Maximum Exposure "Them Friggin Critters"			
43	FOX	That '70s Show Eric and Donna squabble, (CC)	That '70s Show Hyde's mom skips town. (CC)	The Simpsons "Maximum Homer- drive" (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry thinks girlfriend has fungus. (CC)	That '70s Show Eric decides to go on the road. (N)	That '70s Show Red offers Hyde a new job.	American Idol Contestants are eliminated. (CC)	The Simple Life: Interns "Broadcast- ing" (N) (CC)	News		The Simpsons "Simpsons' Bible Stories" (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry tracks a hit-and-ru driver. (CC)		
44	BET	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Club Comic View	rangas. (00)	BET Nightly News Health education.		Top 10 Live Mannie Fresh.		Club Comic View		BET Late			
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Less Is car guard is killed ar body is found in a tr	nd a bank teller's ash bin.	Cops Attempted kidnapping. (CC)	Cops A transvestite is arrested and re- leased. (CC)	The Investigators cused killers flee th	"Lovers' Leap" Ac- e country.	Forensic Files (N)	Psychic Detec- tives	The Investigators ' house' Police disco before her car plung	ver a woman died	Caught	Masterminds		
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	American Idol (CC	9	Philly (CC)		Third Watch (CC)		Friends (CC)	American Idol (CC)		
50	LIFE	der of a student. (CI	2)	s Cadet Murder" (19 e. Two cadets are chi		The Nanny Fran gets an invitation to Paris. (CC)	Dorothy. (CC)	The Nanny Grace thinks she's a jinx. (CC)	The Golden Girls A specialist diag- noses Dorothy.	The Division 'Face pizza-parlor owner i dered by four subur	is apparently mur- ban teens. (CC)	Suddenly Susan Nana covers for a sick Susan. (CC)	Guthy-Renker.com		
51	ABCFAM	Lathan, Omar Epps, game leads to love to	& Basketball" (2001 Dennis Haysbert. A for two best friends.	passion for the (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Press conference. (CC)	fitness program he		America's Funni- est Home Videos (CC)	America's Funni- est Home Videos Tooth trouble.	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 700 Club Phil Black talks at fitness program he devised. (CC)			
53	HIST	Modern Marvels "lo Truckers cross froze mote Canadian villa	n lakes to supply re-	Full Throttle "1967 Beetles become dra	ig racers. (CC)	Artillery Games Ar historical weapons	tillery experts put to the test. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'C The Overseas High		Modern Marvels 'le Truckers cross froze mote Canadian villa	en lakes to supply re- iges. (CC)	Full Throttle "1967 Beetles become dra			
57	STR-MV	(5:45) Movie			(:20) Movie			Movie			(:45) Movie				
58	ADV 1	(5:30) Into the Danger Zone "Ex- tremes"	Game for It	Total Adventure "Carryoning Bor- neo" Low's Gully.	 Adventure Challe tempt to cross the e malayan range by p 	ntire Nepalese Hi- araglider.	Shoot the Crea- ture "Wrinkle Lipped Bats"	Chasing Time "Stockholm" Skiing and curling.	Game for It	Into the Danger Zo	r Zone "Extremes" Next Wave Stru gle over land rig in Brazil.		Total Adventure "Paragliding Ethiopia"		
59	мту	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica (N)	The Ashlee Simp- son Show (N)	Real World/Road Rules Challenge Uncensored	Pimp My Ride Sur- prise for college student.		Pimp My Ride A 1960 Volkswagon Baja.	All Eyes on 50 Cent II	Wanna Come In?	Punk'd Carmen Electra and Dave Navarro.	Punk'd Lara Flynr Boyle.		
60	NICK	Avatar: The Last Airbender Aban- doned temple.	Rugrats "Back to School; Sweet Dreams" (CC)	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	The Fairly Odd- Parents (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants Bob fails driving test.	Unfabulous "The Pal" Addie has a crush. (CC)	Full House Danny named bachelor of the month. (CC)	Full House Michelle learns to ride a bicycle. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air The an- nual ski trip. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Will and Lisa lie. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Carlton buys a gun. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Will per suades Lisa. (CC)		

Morning 10:25 Korean Drama: Lovers in Paris (4)

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- 1:10 2005 Winter X-Games (8) 1:35 Grand Sumo Tournament 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports
- 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News
- wowow Morning 7:30 Oswald No. 49 8:00 U.S. Movie (1940): The Great Dictator (2:05)
- Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investiga-
- 1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Blue Crush (1:54) 1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Blue Crush (1:54) 5:30 Oswald No. 49 Evening 6:00 U.S. Movie (1931): City Lights (1:25) 10:00 French Movie (2003): Les Egares (1:40) 11:40 Usher Live 11:5 Simple Plan Live in Japan

4:20 U.S. Movie (1994): Pulp Fiction (2:37)

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Morning 10:00 Classical Music: Classic Club American Edition (r) 11:15 Wonderful Nature

11:15 Wonderful Nature
Afternoon
1:00 Grand Sumo Tournament, 4th Day (bilingual after 4 p.m.)
Evening
7:00 NHK News

10:05 TV Series: Alias 2 MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Tuesday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music

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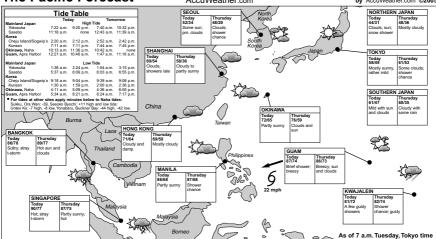
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Extended Forecasts

Friday: Partly sunny, high 55, low 35. Saturday: Partly sunny, high 48, low 41

KADENA

Friday: Mostly sunny, high 63, low 53. Saturday: Partly sunny, high 65, low 59.

SEOUL

Friday: Sunny, high 39, low 24. Saturday: Sunny, high 46, low 30.

MANILA

Friday: Thunderstorms, high 85, low 64. Saturday: Thundershowers, high 84, low 66

HAGATNA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 75. Saturday: Partly sunny, high 88. low 76.

Monday's USA Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	48/28	Los Angeles	69/52
Amarillo	40/26	Little Rock	59/37
Anchorage	43/24	Louisville	47/29
Asheville	51/32	Miami	85/68
Baltimore	46/24	Milwaukee	35/22
Birmingham	59/39	Nashville	52/29
Bismarck	23/11	New York	42/28
Boise	55/28	Omaha	42/22
Boston	42/27	Orlando	83/62
Brownsville	75/62	Philadelphia	44/28
Buffalo	30/18	Phoenix	74/50
Burlington	36/24	Pittsburgh	38/22
Charleston, SC	71/43	Portland, OR	67/39
Charlotte	53/33	Portland, ME	39/27
Cleveland	34/23	Salt Lake City	44/26
Columbus, OH	40/26	St. Louis	53/28
Duluth	22/10	San Antonio	66/46
El Paso	69/44	San Diego	64/50
Hartford	40/24	San Juan	85/74
Helena	37/21	Tampa	78/65
Indianapolis	43/27	Tulsa	56/30
Jacksonville	80/56	Washington, D	
Kansas City	51/27	Wichita	51/35





m is noon position of precipitation. Forecats highs/lows are for selected cities

U.S. Extended Forecast

A potent storm will continue to move and develop along the Gulf Coast on Wednesday and bring rain to much of the Southeast and back through Texas. Some snow will fall on the northern fringe across parts of Kentucky and parts of western Texas. High pressure will continue to dominate the West Coast, providing sunshine and dry weather. The storm will then move to the east and may bring a substantial rain or a snowstorm to parts of the East Coast; this will depend on the exact track of the storm which is still uncertain at this time. The storm will most likely occur on Friday.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

Wednesday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IIGH/LOW
Bangkok	86/70	lwakuni	61/47	Sasebo NB	62/50	Acapulco	82/67	Budapest	50/40	Kabul	62/39	Nairobi	85/54
Beijing	59/28	Kadena AB	72/65	Sapporo	44/31	Athens	61/51	Buenos Aires	87/70	Kiev	33/33	New Delhi	92/65
Camp Casey	53/34	Kunsan AB	56/41	Seoul	52/34	Auckland	70/57	Cairo	76/49	Kuwait	74/52	Oslo	36/31
Christchurch	69/54	Kwajalein	81/72	Shanghai	69/54	Baghdad	72/45	Cancun	88/73	London	59/50	Paris	65/52
Diego Garcia	87/76	Manila	88/68	Singapore	90/77	Barbados	89/70	Cape Town	87/67	Madrid	69/48	Rio de Janeiro	85/73
Hagatna	87/74	Misawa AB	43/33	Sydney	80/61	Barcelona	63/48	Geneva	61/40	Mexico City	70/46	Rome	65/46
Hanoi	74/65	Osan	55/36	Taegu	61/44	Berlin	54/43	Istanbul	51/37	Montreal	31/18	St. Petersburg	21/10
Hong Kong	71/64	Perth	82/62	Taipei	76/63	Bermuda	58/52	Jerusalem	59/45	Mogadishu	90/75	Stockholm	38/33
Honolulu	78/64	Pusan	61/46	Tokyo	58/49	Brussels	62/43	Johannesbur	g 72/54	Moscow	19/8	Warsaw	41/40



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Special treatment

AR LITTLE ROCK —
Patients traveling to Arkansas for medical treatment will receive assistance under a program announced at the Little Rock National Airport. The patients will be provided with language translation if they need it, as well as help with baggage and transportation to hotels and hospitals, officials said.

Kindergarten optional

NH CONCORD — The state Board of Education dropped a plan to require all school districts to offer kindergarten by 2007. Lawmakers said the rule would usurp their authority and force a state program on local districts. New Hampshire is the last state without universal kindergarten; about 15 communities don't offer it

Limiting cold medicine

MN ST. PAUL — The Minneso-ta Senate unanimously passed a bill restricting the sale of cold medicines containing ingredi-ents used to make methamphetamine

The bill would require Sudafed and Actifed to be kept behind pharmacy counters.

Customers would have to sign for the drugs and would be allowed to buy only two packages at a time.

Fishing-season dispute

FL MADEIRA BEACH — Friends and family of a missing commercial fisherman say a two-week gap between the seasons for amberjack and grouper created an atmosphere in which fishermen felt a need to take more risks

Friends say the restrictions cost Michael Costello and a crewman their lives. Restrictions are aimed at replenishing dwindling stocks in the Gulf of Mexico.

Obscenity case dropped

KS ABILENE — An obscenity case brought against the Lion's Den Adult Superstore has been dismissed for technical rea-sons. A Dickinson County grand returned a 29-count indictment alleging the store promoted obscenity, but a judge ruled the petition was improperly filled out.

New bishop named

VI BURLINGTON — Monsignor Salvatore Matano, a longtime Rhode Island priest who has worked the last four years at the Vatican's Washington office was selected by Pope John Paul II to be Vermont's new bishop

He will take over in August.

Budget unbalanced

WA OLYMPIA — Some state lawmakers want to borrow against future payments from a tobacco settlement to help balance the budget. Gov. Christine Gregoire, who negotiated the deal when she was attorney general, is against that

The settlement is expected to bring the state \$4 billion over the next 25 years for health services.

Boaters sue state

HONOLULU — An organization of boaters who faced eviction from the Ala Wai Harbor



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

is suing the state

The mariners who live aboard their vessels allege they were im-properly evicted from the short-term boat slips at the harbor under a proposed deal between the

state and the Waikiki Yacht Club. The group calls itself the "Dis-placed Boaters of Ala Wai Har-

Group spokesman Jud Lohmeyer said he knew the boat slips were not permanent, but he believes the should have given more nostate

tice to move.

In February, the state gave about a dozen boaters three days to vacate their slips. Eight of the boaters have sued seeking to stay put. and a judge issued a preliminary injunction stopping the evictions until the case is resolved

City opens rat school

NEW YORK — The city has a new weapon in its never-ending battle against rats: a federally funded institute to teach the craft of rodent eradication.

Plans for the Rodent Integrated Pest Control Academy were announced in a hearing before the City Council's health committee The academy will train exterminators from the Health Department and other city agencies, said Edgar Butts, an assistant Health Department commissioner.

A three-year, \$600,000 grant



Nap time

One of Jeff King's dogs takes a rest during the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race at the Gravling, Alaska, checkpoint.

and Prevention will fund the school, for which a coordinator has

Shaken baby bill

HOUSTON - The deaths of four Texas infants within one week could intensify efforts to approve legislation to educate parents about shaken baby syndrome.

Police in Houston are investigating the deaths of an 8-month-old girl, a 5-month old boy and a 7-month-old boy. Investigators think their injuries may stem from being shaken aggressively.

In Austin, the father of a 5-month-old boy who died was arrested after being accused of shaking the child to death

I think we are going to continue, unfortunately, to have this probsaid state Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr D. Brownsville "But the more we educate people, the more we train people to do the right thing with their child as they leave the hospital, obviously the better it will

Jailer plays a prank

AR PARAGOULD — A jailer gave a layative to an inmate who had requested cold medicine. then taunted the man as he suffered severe diarrhea authorities

Johnnie Dallas Pruett, 27, was fired and charged with battery in the March 1 incident involving 19-year-old Darryl R. Bartlett.

Sheriff's Capt. Jamie Martin said after Bartlett asked for cold medicine, Pruett brought him three pink pills and a cup of water. The inmate took the pills, and Pruett began laughing and showed him a box of over-the-counter laxative pills.

Bartlett said that after 90 minutes, he developed severe stomach pains, vomited and had severe diarrhea He said Pruett taunted him throughout the night and asked if he needed a diaper.

Film scene nearly deadly

GA SAVANNAH — A college student was seriously injured while acting out a hanging for a film project.

Daryl Goins and other students were making a movie for class at his home. The script had been approved by a professor, but Goins, 20, allegedly decided to change the

"There was a suicide scene at the end, and he changed the technique," Geoffrey Jowett, dean of students for Savannah College of Art and Design, told the Savannah Morning News. "It was a hanging, an accident based on the stunt

Details were sketchy, but during the scene Goins somehow hit his head. Jowett said other students gave him CPR. He was hospitalized in serious condition.

Police have the video and are investigating. The school is reviewing whether to pursue disciplinary action.

Goins was enrolled in an Introduction to Video class. Students at the college are required to take a safety course before filming, sign a contract confirming they have read all safety regulations and have scripts approved by a faculty member



Becoming an American Nguyen Ngo, of Vietnam, awaits the start of a swearing-in ceremony at the Bush presidential library in College Station, Texas. Nearly 50 U.S. servicemembers were sworn in as II.S. citizane



Wil Flores, right, and Belisario Colorful block party Loza shop at one of the many vendors at the annual "Calle Ocho" block party in the Little Havana area



Paige, a 10-year-old bald A fine, feathered friend eagle, poses for visitors, in background from left, Debbie LaFreniere and Sharon Bostrom at the Florida Audubon Birds of Prey Center in Maitland, Fla. The center is celebrating its 25th year with an open house.



Fire-breather

| Daniel Echeverria, 44, poses next to his fire-breathing motorcycle in Daytona Beach, Fla. Echeverria shigh fire-breathing to hike named Excalibur by hand in his barn in Argentina. Echeverria shipped his creation to Florida for Bike Week.



Luck 0' the Irish Melanie Weimer of Scottsdale, Pa.,
dresses as a leprechaum while
marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh.



Snow fun
Terry Humphrey reads a
newspaper as he waits outside
amid falling snow for Ron's Barber
Shop to open for business in
Bellingham. Mass.



Enjoying spring break

Crystal Stevenson, 22, from the University of Indiana, relaxes on the beach at South Padre Island, Texas, while Tony Bickenstaff, applies suntan Iotion during the annual college spring break.

Guilty plea in murder

CAMDEN — A second man pleaded guilty to the murder of a woman who was abducted from a park-and-ride lot on the reway home from work in 2001. Marcus Toliver, 25, admitted killing Christine Eberle, 27, an accountant who lived in Washington Township and worked in Philadelphia. He agreed to the same 43-year prison sentence faced by Ryshaone Thomas, 26, who pleaded guilty in January.

More training for nurses

AR LITTLE ROCK — University of Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles persuaded legislators to back a bill that would expand training for certified nurses aides in caring for Abcheimer's patients. The Senate committee endorsed the measure, which has passed in the House. Broyles told the panel of his grief during the years he cared for his wife, Barbara, who died last fall after battling Abcheimer's.

Hospital closing

PAHLADELPHIA — Women's Medical Hospital in
Philadelphia is closing its doors.
There isn't enough patient revenue
to support and maintain the operation of the 50-bed acute-care facility, said Dr. Nancy Pickering, chief
executive officer. In recent year,
the 500 employees endured hospital name changes, cutbacks, the collapse of the Allegheny Health System in 1998 and the threatened closure by the former owner, Tenet
Healthcare.

Art law repealed

SD PIERRE — A 16-year-old law requiring state funding for works of art in new public buildings and those being remodeled will be repealed under legislation signed by Gov. Mike Rounds. The 1989 law said the Legislature must set aside an art allowance equal to 1 percent of the cost of those projects. The stipulation was never followed.

End of streetcar line?

WA SEATTLE — The city may shut down its waterfront streetcar line so the Seattle Art Museum can build a sculpture park at the north end of the line where its maintenance barn is located. The streetcar is a popular tourist attraction that carries 400,000 people a year. It runs between Myrtle Edwards Park and Pioneer Square.

City Council recall

McALESTER — Petitions seeking the recall of City Council members Michael Dawk-ins and Louis Smitherman were turned in to the city clerk. They served on the council when contracts and budgets with leave buy-back provisions for former City Manager Randy Green were approved. Green received \$579,500 for unused leave over a five-year period. The FBI is investigating the case.

Backup budget

NASHVILLE — A backup budget plan released by Gov. Phil Bredesen would either sash education spending by \$268 million or end pharmacy benefits for people in the state public health care program. The alternative budget is on the table in case Bredesen's primary plan, which presupposes savings through cuts in the TennCare program, is held up in court.

Wrong number

MADISON — When the state's Division of Motor Vehicles sent notices to 25,000 motorists to renew their registration, they made a tiny mistake.

The telephone number printed on the postcards was one digit off and instead connected callers to "the nation's most informative psychic connection service, helping you with love, money, health and romantic encounters."

The Division of Motor Vehicles spent \$1,500 sending letters to truckers after someone called about the typo, said Jane Zarada, director of the state Bureau of Vehicle Services.

Golden Gate suicides

SAN FRANCISCO — A proposal to study a suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge is expected to get the go-ahead despite mixed reactions from the public and serious questions over fi-

The 19 bridge district directors will be asked to take the first step and commit \$2 million toward environmental studies and preliminary design work.

In addition to that \$2 million, \$15 million to \$25 million will be needed to build a barrier, so the money question will probably be a major part of the discussion.

An estimated 1,300 people have jumped from the bridge to their deaths since it was built in 1937, giving the West's signature span additional renown as the top suicide landmark in the world.

Fortunate to be alive

TN TOWNSEND — Four college freshmen on a spring-break excursion to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park said that they felt lucky to be alive after they were snowed in at a shelter on the Appalachian Trail.

Matthew Schultz, 19, Ivan Saldarriaga, 19, Ryne McCall, 19, and Bryan Hendrick, 19, were rescued by park rangers and a National Guard helicopter after spending two wet, freezing nights huddled in a trail shelter.

Schultz was airlifted to the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville as a precautionary measure after falling victim to hypothermia. His three companions walked off the trail a few hours later with words of warning for anyone planning a trip into the mountains.

"We weren't prepared," Hendrick said. "We may have done a few things right, but we did a lot of things wrong. We were lucky."

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Treat adults appropriately

U.S. Army garrison installations have re cently cracked down on enforcement of an old visitor policy that doesn't allow guests to stay on post from midnight to 5 a.m. to stay on post from midnight to 5 a.m. While I don't blame the garrison folks for enforcing the rules. I do question the purpose of this rule in particular.

As a 33-year-old sergeant first class, American society has decided I am responsible enough to operate a motor vehicle. vote for my country's leadership and con sume alcohol.

I've been judged competent enough to decide on a career that could result in my dying in combat defending my country's way of life. By promoting me several times throughout my career, the Army has repeatedly decided I am rational enough to make decisions that will affect the health and welfare of other people as well. However, it seems that I'm not trusted to decide who should be allowed to spend the night at my residence.

I'm sure the rule is supposed to provide some level of force protection for all of us on this safe haven that is Camp Zama, Japan. I agree that we don't need strangers running around on post at all hours of the night.

But if I can deploy a platoon of soldiers to a faraway land, lead them in combat and bring them home safely, I'm pretty sure I can keep track of one woman who I really didn't invite home to give a midnight tour of the installation

My guess is that the powers that be want to discourage soldiers from bringing home strangers and quite possibly having sex with them. I say that because there seems to be a provision that allows commanders to approve a limited number of semiper manent guest passes for each soldier. That's great for soldiers with steady boyor girlfriends. I guess it's just us single folks who are not supposed to be associating with people of our own choosing in our private residences.

Oh, wait a minute, married folks can't have unplanned overnight visitors either. I guess no more inviting Japanese friends over for New Year's Eve parties.

As far as promoting the health and welfare of the troops, I have to wonder if this policy doesn't discourage safe behavior. Soldiers hanging out downtown are not going to come home at midnight if they seem to be getting along well with a member of the opposite sex. My guess is that instead of bringing their new friends back at 2 a.m. in a taxi, they will just stay out all night spending money and quite possibly drinking themselves into a stupor that leaves them vulnerable to all sorts of bad

Lunderstand the need for installation security to keep track of who's on post at any given time. I realize we end up with visitors "homesteading" in our barracks if we don't enforce some kind of visitation policy. But why not just make the soldiers look after their guests, instead of punishing evervone? There has got to be a way to track guests without infringing on the social lives of people who are taking good care of their guests

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Punishing everyone for the misdeeds of a few is what they used to do back in kindergarten. The soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, nonappropriated funds employees, Department of Defense Dependent Schools teachers and other responsible residents of Zama aren't children. They are people who've volunteered to live thousands of miles away from their loved ones to help accomplish our mission here. They deserve better than to be treated like children

Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Maxfield Camp Zama Japan

Help for mental health

I am an Army Reserve social work officer, currently stationed in Iraq as part of the 1835th Medical Detachment (Combat Stress Control), I thank Stars and Stripes for the paper's continued advocacy on mental health issues. In the past eight months I have been grateful to read the many articles educating soldiers about combat stress and post traumatic stress disorder.

I am writing concerning the March 1 article titled "Guard official to focus on mental health of troops." I applaud Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Gipe's concern for soldiers on this issue.

Although the article continues to shine a snotlight on the growing concern for mental health care for soldiers, it failed to mention resources that are available for National Guard and Reserve soldiers. True, Guardsmen and reservists can utilize mental health programs on military installations, but they also are entitled to benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. A variety of programs and services in mental health are available for all honorably discharged veterans. The VA offers both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services, programs that specialize in the treatment of post traumatic stress disorder or substance abuse, homeless veteran programs and vocational rehabilitation

programs. These services are provided not only in large cities but also in smaller, community-based outpatient clinics.

Under Title 38. United States Code. 1710(e)(1)(D) and Veteran Health Care Directive 2002-049, the Department of Veter-an Affairs provides two years of health care (including mental health care) to all soldiers from their date of discharge, if they served in a combat zone. The two years of free care is regardless of whether the condition or illness was caused by mili-tary service. If the illness or injury is caused by military service, the veteran can submit a claim for service-connected disability. Once a veteran is service-con-nected for a condition, the VA can provide care without cost to the veteran. Although I am not an official VA snokes-

person, I want to help get the message out to soldiers that these benefits are available.

Bradley A. McClure Samarra, Iraa

U.S. winning war on terrorism

I am writing in response to the Feb. 24 column "Keeping enemy at bay substi-tutes for victory." Boston University pro-fessor Andrew J. Bacevich, back in Massachusetts, utterly fails to recognize, or fails to admit, that the war on terrorism is a new type of war in which old rules and measures don't necessarily apply.

"Victory" is something that historians will someday bestow on our current efforts. We have been extremely successful so far. The U.S. homeland has been largely free from terrorist attack since the Sept. 11 sucker punch. Afghanistan, which used to be an open haven for terrorists, has rejoined the civilized nations of the world Libya has decided it prudent to change its terrorist-supporting ways. And Iraq fails to be the potential nexus between terrorists and weapons of mass destruction that it certainly was before the U.S. military efforts

The insurgents in Iraq are losing and they know it. How do I know? Here in Baghdad, I talk with optimistic Iraqis daily. They understand that outsiders are coming into their country to cause trouble. These Iragis want what almost everyone else in the civilized world wants: a chance to live a peaceful life and provide for their family. The insurgents will never overfamily. come this basic human desire.

If we stay the course, we will achieve peace, with justice, throughout the world. But it will probably take a generation or more of diplomacy, economic assistance and, where necessary, military action.

The professor feels it necessary to insult me and the majority of Americans who understand what's going on by claiming "reality has yet to fully sink in" and that I "continue to snooze." We on the ground understand a lot that the professor, enjoying the peace and security that he would deny others, does not. It is, indeed, liberals like him who are going to make sticking with this effort even more difficult than it already is. I ask: Whose side are you really on, professor

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OPINION

In an era of one superpower, we're all safer

BY ARTHUR HERMAN

errorists swarm into Iraq; North Korea plays nuclear blackmail; Syria and Iran hold hands in public: crowds fill Beirut's streets: the shooting of an Italian journalist provokes outrage across Europe. Is this a world being made safe for democracy or a world on the brink? Some, especially Europeans, say the latter, arguing that this is what happens when the planet is stuck with just one superpower. Echoing France's Jacques Chirac, they yearn for a more "multipolar world," where an all-powerful United States can't play the bully.

Nonsense. The fact is, a unipolar world is a safer world and has been historically. For more than 100 years, from the defeat of Napoleon to the start of World War I, Britain was the world's lone superpower. Its Royal Navy enabled it to do the heavy lifting across the globe that no one else could or would, just as the U.S. military does today. Despite an inevitable crisis or two, the world enjoyed unprecedented peace, prosperity and stability. Now, with so many ried about the United States dominating the world, it's worth passing along the lessons Britain learned in its years as lone superpower.

Be prepared to make enemies. "How glorious is the title of

an-era Royal Navy officer after the ence of his ship off the coast of Italy ended riots in Rome and other cities, "and yet we are not loved." Don't expect to be. The world's other powers will never be happy about the global order you impose. Very few will dare to challenge you overtly, but they will scheme behind your back

For decades after Napoleon's defeat. Britain fought to tug the world in a new, progressive direction. Britain's support of national self-determination in South America and southern Europe often put it at odds with Spain and Russia. France, which Britain had saved from dismemberment at the Vienna peace congress in 1815, plotted to reverse Britain's naval supremacy. Yet that supremacy protected France's business interests around the world. It also preserved a balance of power in Europe, which al-lowed France to remain a great power until World War I. As Iraq shows, in power politics no good deed goes unpunished.

Be prepared for the long haul. Britain's first step in creating a new world order in 1815 was declaring war on the Atlantic slave trade - akin to today's war on terror. It put together a coalition of the bribed and coerced just to get a final treaty (Spain and Portugal reoff). Nations that still had slaves dragged their feet, especially the United States. For more than 40 years, the Royal Navy fought to plug the outflow of slaves from Africa amid daunting obstacles. Successive British governments persisted out of a sense of moral duty.

This arduous effort, which many dismissed as a failure for decades, finally paid off, and by 1870 one of the worst scourges of European domination of the planet had come to an end. In world leadership, persistence pays.

Your best ambassador is your military. For more than a century the Royal Navy was not only the instrument of the Pax Britannica but its reassuring symbol. Wherever its ships anchored, travelers, merchants and journalists of every na-tion felt safe. Royal Navy captains became the modern equivalent of knights in shining armor

Today, the men and women of the U.S. armed services fill the same role. Look at their essential role in providing relief to tsunami victims (just the kind of job the Royal Navy did for a century) in full view of the Muslim world. Isolated incidents such as Abu Ghraib do not change the fact that U.S. troops make up the best military force in history. Let them be the face of the Pax Americana, in



Supporters of Mutahida Mailis-e-Amal, Pakistan's six-party religious alliance, chant slogans against America at a rally last Wednesday in Islamabad. Thousands gathered to condemn President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's government and his association with the United States.

peacetime and in wartime. Finally, watch your back. Ex-pect challengers to arise, those who will envy your power and look

for opportunities to overtake you. After World War I, British politicians tried to save money by slashing the size of the fleet. It was the crucial mistake of the 20th century. In the power vacuum Britain left in the Pacific, in slipped imperial Japan: in the Mediterranean, in slipped Mussolini's Italy; in Western and Central Europe, Hitler's Third Reich. It would take Pearl Harbor to awaken the giant that would eventually take Britain's place as the world's policeman, the United States.

The only thing worse than a world with a lone superpower is one without a lone superpower. Despite its protestations, the world knows that — and that in a crisis, it's the Americans, and only the Americans, who will save the day.

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Iceland cool to idea of diminished use of its language

By WILLIAM ECENBARGER

hand the agent my brottfarerspjald, step on board Icelandair Flight 642. Just before takeoff, the flight attendant stands before us clasping a seat-belt buckle and droning through the orvegishunadur um bord. Some five hours later, we begin our descent into Reykjavik. At the airport, I get my passport stamped at vagabraeftirlit, make a quick refresher stop in the snyrtingar, exchange dollars for kro-nurs at the gialdevrir and pick up tourist information at the upplysingapjonustu fyrir feroafolk.

I have come to this nation of 280 000 inhab itants, who speak to each other in a language that is incomprehensible to 19,999 of every 20,000 people on Earth, to see how they are holding up against the onslaught of English Iceland's linguistic patriots go to incredible lengths to preserve their language. Foreign words are ruthlessly screened out by a special agency, which also invents words for new things and ideas.

Icelanders have a strong belief in their own national greatness, and that conviction is rooted unshakably in language and words. Literacy isn't a problem here; it's a given Icelanders believe that men and women should turn a verse as easily as they turn a profit, and both endeavors are considered important to one's well-being.

Iceland has more bookstores per capita than any other nation in the world ("better shoeless than bookless" is an unofficial national motto). The most important tomes are the sagas. Written in the 12th and 13th centuries, these are the great prose narratives of medieval Iceland, bloodthirsty tales of Viking derring-do. Icelandic schoolchildren read their national literature exactly as it was written hundreds of years ago. Modern Icelanders speak virtually the same language as their forefathers of the 10th century. Tomorrow morning's Reykjavik newspa

pers will be written in the same language as the ancient sagas - that would be like this newspaper using Chaucerian English.

Language preservation worked nicely for centuries because Icelanders lived diphthongs apart from the rest of the world, but in recent decades the cultural floodgates have been opened. English is everywhere on televisions, VCRs, the Internet and commercial products.

It's part of a global problem: About 400 million people speak English as their first language, an additional 700 million or so use it as a second language and a billion people more are struggling to learn how to speak it. Meanwhile, other languages are disappearing at the rate of two per month. There are about 6,800 languages in the world, but the expert consensus is that 400 of them will soon be extinct.

Why care? "When you lose a language the late linguistics professor Kenneth Hale once said, "you lose a culture, intellectual

wealth, a work of art. It's like dropping a

bomb on a museum."

The front line of Iceland's preservation battle is in Reykjavik, the home of the Icelandie Language Institute (Islensk Malstod): this government agency was set up in 1964 to devise new words when existing language proves inadequate. When AIDS first came to national attention in Iceland, the main discussion was what to call it rather than how to prevent it. The institute does not believe that AIDS should be called AIDS, and thus the disease is officially known as alnaemi, an ancient Icelandic word meaning "totally vulnerable," which the institute settled on after some three years of study.

The preservationists often resurrect words from the sagas. A computer is called tolva, a fusion of the old Icelandic words for number and prophetess, and a TV screen is a skjar, a sheep's placenta once used by farmers as window panes. My favorite is fri-opjofur, the word for pager, which means "thief of peace."

I left Iceland pessimistic. Everywhere I went, I heard English spoken. Though a writ-ten language can be purged of foreign words and phrases, policing how people speak is another matter. Many young Icelanders cannot be bothered with a language that is a minefield of subjunctive, inflections and gender (the number 2 has three genders).

In one sense, the Icelanders have no one to blame but themselves. Just as they have earnestly defended their language, they have with equal enthusiasm made sure that every schoolchild has a computer and learns English. Thus Microsoft sees no need to translate Windows into Icelandic. The publishers of popular books are beginning to skip translation as well. It's what the Icelandic language purists call a sjalfhelda — a Catch-22. I fear the handwriting is on the wall - and it's in English.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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A super-lucky aspect involving the moon, Jupiter and Neptune promis es there is much to gain from talking about your wants, desires, dreams and goals. People **Holiday Mathis** need to help one another. Even if others haven't the physical or intellectual resources, the mere intention of helpfulness causes miraculous connections to

occur. So speak up. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 16). Though careful planning brings certain goals to hand, leave room in your life for lucky things to just happen, too you're a favorite of the universe, and you trust, you will be granted special gifts. This month features a flirtation; May brings love worth changing your life for. Leo and Cancer are lucky romantic connections. Your career takes off in June.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Extra motivation is needed to get through this challenging day. Affirm to yourself over and over (100 times is barely enough) that you CAN do

it. In fact, nobody does it better! TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Big, profound questions inform a million small decisions you'll make today about how to be and interact in your world. How will the world be a better place because you were in

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone near you is handing out points for being smart. But remember that being good is more important. The great genius scientist Albert Einstein said, "The most important human endeavor is striv-

ing for morality in our actions." CANCER (June 22-July 22). The critics are at large. Try and see the strength in others even while their weaknesses are being pointed out. If you can find a reason and a way to be joyful, your joy is conta-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have the chance to be mature. though childish planets play in you psyche, making it easy for you not to be. Consider that love with strings

attached isn't love at all. It's business, really, and more about cause and effect

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your emotions are not unlike the

muscles in your body. They can be exercised to be more flexible, stronger and more toned. Dealing with children, or adults who

act like children, gives you a real emotional vorkout today LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When

does obsession become unhealthy? Someone or something you desire could be draining vital energy from other areas

of your life. If you give your power away, the only one who can get it back is you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Planets provide plenty of distractions and opportunities for you to scatter your energy. If you can stay focused now, when it's challenging, you really can't lose. So stay on pur

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's better to remain a mystery to certain people. Let them project themselves, making up their own story about who you are. You'll find humor in the scenarios they come up with

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Since who you love has such an enormous impact on the rest of your life, it makes sense to pour your time and energy into that area. Put all your emotions and your imagination toward creating a better relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Address that unattained desire that's been on your list of New Year's resolutions for years now. Invest yourself in finally having this. The more defined your goal is, the more likely you are to obtain it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Avoidance might work in the short term, but sooner or later, you'll have to face your fear. The weak person prays to be sheltered from adversity, while the strong one prays for the courage to conquer it

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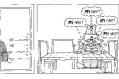
























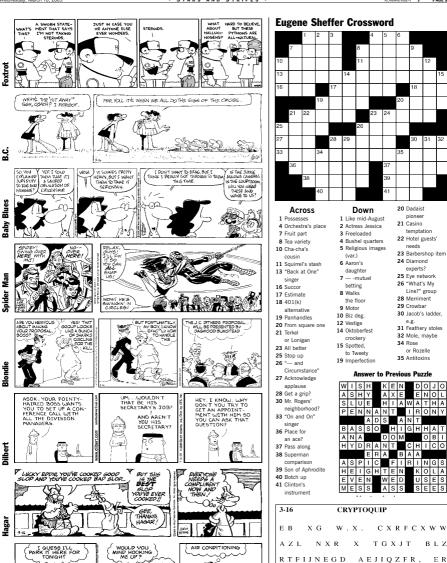












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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiri

Soon-to-be in-law has big mouth JUMBLE

Dear Abby: I am an operating room nurse. My soon-to-be mother-in-law recently had a proce dure done that required anesthe sia. When the anesthesiologist arrived to interview her before her procedure, she proceeded to ask him if he knew me. He re-Dear Abby

plied that he did Her next question was whether he knew that I had recently had cosmetic surgery. Thankfully, he acted in a professional manner by simply say-ing, "Oh?" She continued the interrogation by asking him if he was aware that I had been previously engaged, and whether he thought I was

a runaway bride or not. I was flabbergasted that she had the gall to bring up such personal things with some one with whom I have a professional relationship. This is a small community where things spread like wildfire. I want to have a relationship with her but I feel as though she kicked me in the stomach and stabbed me in

say to make her aware of my feelings, or must I be respectful and keep my thoughts to myself? I am deeply hurt.

- Appalled in Iowa Dear Appalled: Your fiance's mother may have been nervous at the prospect of her

surgery, started babbling and couldn't stop. However, unless you want a strained relationship with your in-laws, do not "con front" her. She can't unring the bell. Now that you know she lacks judgment and leaks like a rusty bucket in the future confide nothing to her unless

you want the whole

town to know Dear Abby: My son is 15. When we're home and watching TV in the evening, my son often enjoys cuddling up next to me He'll nut his head on my shoulder and wants my arm around his shoulders. I, too, enjoy this

"Oh, Mommy, I love you so much," as he often does, my heart melts. I should mention that he is still shorter than me. though barely. He is not the typical 15-year-old who towers

over his mother.
Until recently, I thought our closeness would help him develop into a warm, loving man; but now, I'm wondering if this is healthy for him to be doing and for me to allow. I would hate to see him develop into a needy, clingy man or a mama's boy.

Just a Loving Mom in Australia

Dear Loving Mom: Every parent should be so blessed as to have a son like yours. You have raised a loving only child who is bonded to his parents. If he doesn't start dating by the time he's 18, THEN there may be cause to worry. Otherwise, he sounds just fine to me.

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Affair leaves woman confused

Dear Annie: I am a married woman with one child. We don't lack for anything. My husband is an OK guy and a good father, but he's very self-centered.

Last May, one of my neighbors started to show an interest in me "Jack" also is married

(his wife is a bit of a hypochondriac), and he has a small child. A few months ago, at a party we both attended, Jack had a few drinks and gave me a passionate kiss. I have never been kissed like that in my life. It sent shock waves through my entire body. After that, we would slip away and kiss here and there. Then it started to be more. Now we have

a secret affair going on. I don't want to get caught, but I also don't want to give him up. It is like I finally found my soul mate.

Very Confused

Dear Confused: Don't confuse passionate kisses with Jack being your soul mate. This is lust, not love. Are you willing to wreck two



marriages and destroy your child's sense of security for shock waves? Illicit affairs can be temporarily exciting, but the conse quences are often peranently painful.

Tell your husband you want to see a coun-selor. If he won't go, go ut him. Learn how to put some of that sexual energy into your marriage, or make a

Dear Annie: I am responding to the letter from "Negative Dad. He said his son's blood type is O. while his is AB and his wife's is A

He assumed he was not his son's biological father. Classification into the major

blood groups is based on the presence or absence of two pro teins, the A and B antigens, produced by the A and B alleles. The absence of either A or B antigens is called Type O.

The son gets one gene from each parent. If the parent has one one without, he or she can pass either one on to the child. The writer, told he is "type AB," as-sumes he must pass on either the A or the B allele, but cannot have a son with neither. But other

factors may block the expression of these alleles, so the blood of the child with A or B or AB genotype may be reported as Type O. These other factors are not reported in ordinary ABO typing. There is also the possibility of laboratory

The reader should seek a consultation with a geneticist and not proceed with a potentially destructive confrontation on the basis of the major blood types.

- Gordon Harper, M.D. Harvard Medical School

Dear Dr. Harper: Thank you for providing a valid reason for Dad to believe his son belongs to him biologically as well as in every other way.

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Johnson outruns Busch brothers in Vegas

Hendrick driver stops Roush run with victory in UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400

BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Three races this season three battles between Hendrick Motorsports and Roush Racing.

Give Hendrick the edge, two victories to one, after Jimmie Johnson stopped the Roush stranglehold at Las Vegas Motor Speedway by winning the UAW-Daimler-

Chrysler 400 on Sunday. But Roush came out a little cleaner after Johnson and runner-up Kyle Busch, another Hendrick driver, both failed post-race inspection. The roof on Johnson's Chevrolet was too low, and the rear quarter panel on Busch's car was too high.

There were no immediate penalties announced, but NASCAR could elect to dock points from both drivers. Doing so would cost Johnson the 15-point lead he has over reigning Nextel Cup champion Kurt But Johnson isn't points racing, yet, fo-cusing instead on spending the \$30,000 bonus he earned for taking over the points

"I can have a little fun at the blackiack table," Johnson said. "But I'm not concerned about the points lead

Johnson, who won for the 15th time in his career, has victories in five of the last nine races, dating to last season. He hasn't finished worse than sixth since October, and this victory put him right back where he spent most of last season -

on top of the points. This latest victory helped Hendrick Motorsports claim a piece of the track in the desert that Roush Racing has dominated with five victories in the first seven races. But with Johnson and Hendrick teamJeff Gordon fourth, the Roush dominance is over. Kurt Busch carried the Roush flag with a third-place finish

Hendrick now has two wins this season Gordon won the season-opener at Daytona - and Roush has one with Greg Biffle winning at

> "It's going to be a fun battle all the way to the end," Kurt Busch said. "You could say that Hendrick and Roush definitely have a distinct advantage over the other

Johnson's win also ruined what could have been a banner day for the Busch brothers. Las Vegas natives.

As Johnson was driving his Chevrolet to Victory Lane, Kyle was treasuring his second-place finish

"This is as good as a win as far as I'm concerned," he yelled to his crew. "I had a bunch of guys put money on me, so it would have been cool to have Jimmie pull over and let us win." said Kyle, who went off at 60-1 before the race. "But, hey, next year I'll probably have a lot lower

The Busch brothers have had a whirl-wind week in Vegas. It's always a party when the boys are home, as they cram in all the friend and family visits they can.

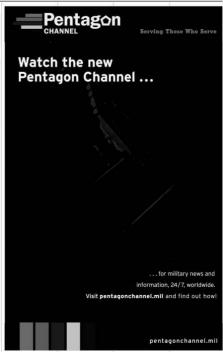
But all the glitz and glamour isn't always

what it's cracked up to be, at least for Kurt, who seemed to struggle at his home track. So with the race coming to an end, and his shot at a victory gone, he had an even

his shot at a victory gone, he had an even harder time accepting the kid he calls "Shrub" beating him to the finish line. "To see [Kyle] in front of me, oooh, that was tough to swallow," Kurt said. "But I am so very proud of him. But I officially have to cut it out from here: No more advice for Kyle.'

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acific Life Open, women's singles quarterfials, pairings to be determined at Indiar

Wells, Calif. (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-NBA: Seattle at Detroit dld).

AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.-Track and field:
ICAA Indoor Championships (dld). All times are Japan and Korea Standard Time; dld indicates delayed broadcast. All lithings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Baseball

Spring training glance AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Los Angeles Tampa Bay Detroit Baltimore Chicago Minnesota .461 .417 .400 Boston Kansas City New York Oakland Texas Seattle .400 .385 .364 NATIONAL LEAGUE Pct .700 San Franci Milwaukee .667 .583 .545 Atlanta New York Washington Arizona Chicago Los Angeles .545 .539 .500 Philadelphi Pittsburgh .45 .45 .41 8 .333

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eams do not. Sunday's games N.Y. Mets 7, Detroit 6 Minnesota 4, Boston 2 N.Y. Yankees 8, Houston 2 L.A. Dodgers 7, Florida 2 Cleveland 10, Cincinnati 1 Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 0 St. Louis (ss) 7, Atlanta 3 St. Louis (ss) 7, Atlanta 3 Washington 11, Baltimore (ss) 4 Philadelphia 9, Pittsburgh 7 Raltimore (ss) 5, St. Louis (ss) 3 Baltimore (ss) 5, St. Louis (ss) 3 Seattle 7, Texas 6 L.A. Angels 3, Chicago Cubs 2 San Diego 5, Oakland (ss) 1 Arizona (ss) 15, Milwaukee 11 Chicago White Sox 9, Colorado 8 Oakland (ss) 3, Arizona (ss) 0 Kansas City 3, San Francisco 3, tie, 10 in

Monday's games Florida vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla. Atlanta vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla. Boston vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. N.Y. Mets vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven,

Fla. L.A. Dodgers vs. Washington at Viera, Fla. Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater Fla. Detroit (ss) vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Sarasota,

Detroit (ss) vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Sarasota, Fla.
Texas vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz.
Colorado vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz.
Seattle (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz.
Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz. Kansas City (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix Seattle (ss) vs. Kansas City (ss) at Sur-prise, Ariz.

Ariz. innati (ss) vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland

Fla. Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla.

Auto racing

UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400

NASCAR Nextel Cup Sunday At Las Vegas Motor Speedway Las Vegas Lap length: 1.5 miles (Start position in parentheses)) Jimmile Johnson, Chevrolet, 267,

2. (10) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 267, \$244,800. 3. (5) Kurt Busch, Ford, 267, \$249,125. 4. (11) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 267, \$197,911. 5. (42) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 267. \$179,486.

179,466.
6. (3) Greg Biffle, Ford, 267, \$139,600.
7. (15) Casey Mears, Dodge, 267, \$139,083.
8. (8) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 267, \$151,111.
9. (1) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 267, \$148,511.
10. (23) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 267, 147,891. 10. (23) Tony Stewart, 6,65,5147,891. 11. (16) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet, 267,

11. (16) BODDy Planisson \$117,908. 12. (21) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 267, \$129,283. 13. (29) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 267, (29) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 267,
 \$106,100.
 (20) Carl Edwards, Ford, 267, \$104,025.
 (22) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 267,
 \$105,925.

(18) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 267, \$94,925. (24) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 267. \$118,970.

18. (13) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 267, \$125,683.

19. (12) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 267, \$112,583.

20. (26) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 267, \$112,583.

20. (26) Jeremy Mayneru, 2009, 2117, 220. 21. (36) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 266, \$115,439. 22. (17) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 266,

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\$77,050. 33. (40) Hermie Sadler, Ford, 226, out 577,800.
34. (14) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 225, \$76,650.
35. (25) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 219, \$104,358. ,336. (38) Randy LaJoie, Chevrolet, 182, out. \$76,250. 37. (33) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 181, \$103,239. 38. (7) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 154, out, \$107,900. 39. (27) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 57, out, \$75,625. 40. (43) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, 39, out, \$75,400.

\$75,400. 41. (31) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 15, out, \$109,780. 42. (34) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 11, out, \$122,433. 43. (32) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 11, out,

83,166.
Race Statistics
Time of Race: 3 hours, 18 minutes, 32 sec-

Time of Naces 3 hours, 18 minutes, 32 sec-Margin of Victory 1.661 seconds. Minutes' Average Speed; 121.038 mph. Cauthor Flags: 16n for 66 laps. Cauthor Flags: 16n for 66 laps. Lap Leaders: R.Newman 0; G.Biffle: 1-8, Wallace 18, KePetty 16.17, M.Shepsherd 16-19; Kurt Busson 26-2, G.Biffle: 2-60; S.Mar-K.Kalnie 88; R.Newman 89-91; K.Vaspil 32-97; R.Newman 58-102; D.Blaney 103-105; Kurt 178; R.Newman 198-105; Liphinson 183-105; R.Newman 198-200; Liphinson 181-105; R.Newman 198-200; Liphinson 211; R.New-Rewman 198-200; Liphinson 211; R.New-

Erlewman 208-210; J.Johnson 211; K.New-nan 212; J.Johnson 213-267. Point Standings: 1. J.Johnson, 525, 2. Kurl Busch, 510. 3. G.Biffle, 428. 4. J.Gordon, 418. 5. Edwards, 408. 6. T.Stewart, 402. 7. R.Wai-L.Edwards, 408. 6. T.Stewart, 402. 7. R.Wailace, 395. 8, K.Harvick, 394. 9. R.New 10. M.Martin, 374.

Golf

Honda Classic

At the Country Clab at Mirasol,
At The Country Clab at Mirasol Jac Daliwie, \$484,000 13-66-67-88-714 Daliwie, \$485,000 13-66-67-88-714 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-66-67-88-714 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-67-88-714 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-67-717-75-714 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-77-73-77 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-77-73-77 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-77-75-77 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-77-75-77 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-77-75-87-78 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-77-75-87-78 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-68-77-75-87-78 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-75-68-778 Daliwie, \$150,000 13-75-788 Daliwie, \$15 -10 72-70-69-68-279 69-72-71-68-280 69-75-68-68-280 70-69-71-70-280 73-70-72-66-281 Robert Allenby, \$99,000 Brian Bateman, \$99,000 Neal Lancaster, \$77,000 S. McCarron, \$77,000 Nick Watney, \$77,000 Sean O'Hair, \$77,000 Lee Janzen, \$77,000 72-68-72-69-281 68-68-74-71-281 69-72-68-72-281 69-64-72-76-281

T. Petrovic, \$43,816.67 17-70-73-68—282 J. Williamson, \$43,816.677 3-69-71-70-7282 Billy Maylar, \$43,816.67 73-69-71-70-7282 Billy Maylar, \$43,816.67 77-68-71-71-7282 M. Devson, \$43,816.67 77-69-71-7282 Tim Clark, \$43,816.67 73-66-71-72-82 Charlie WI, \$43,816.66 71-70-72-822 K. Stadler, \$43,816.66 71-70-72-822 K. Stadler, \$43,816.66 71-70-68-73-Fred Couples, \$43,816.6673-69-66-74-Gavin Coles, \$29,012.50 70-74-70-69-Joe Durant, \$29,012.50 70-70-73-70-T. Hamilton, \$29,012.50 69-172-71-Ryan Palmer, \$29,012.50 70-69-72-72-Fixan Palmer, \$35,01,25 n Feb. 77,7-67 - 284 Dudley Hart, \$25,000 - 77,67-76 - 284 Paul Gov, \$2,2000 - 77,67-76 - 284 Paul Gov, \$2,2000 - 77,67-76 - 284 Paul Gov, \$2,2000 - 77,68-77,7-76 Paul Charley, \$2,2000 - 78,67-77,7-76 Paul Paul Gov, \$2,2000 - 78,67-77,7-76 Carl Petterson, \$14,800 | 77,7-77,7-76 Paul Red Gov, \$14,800 | 77,7-78 Paul Red Gov, \$14,800 | 77,7-87,7-78 Paul Red Gov, \$14,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 | 77,800 |

SBC Classic

At Valencia Country Club Santa Clarita, Calif. Purses \$1.55 million. Final Round. Final Round. Plant Round. D.A. Welbring, \$124,000 71-69-72 Mark McNutty, \$124,000 72-66-74 Craig Stadler, \$83,700 72-67-89 Gary McCord, \$83,700 Mike Reid, \$58,900 Keith Fergus, \$58,900 Brad Bryant, \$46,500 rau bryant, \$46,500 bm McKnight, \$46,500 ruce Fleisher, \$37,200 on Reese, \$37,200 on Pooley, \$37,200 anny Wadkins, \$31,000 Lanny Wadkins, \$31,000 B. Summerhays, \$25,600. Hale Irwin, \$25,600.84 Dana Quigley, \$25,600.83 Tom Purtzer, \$25,600.83 Wayne Levi, \$25,600.83

d 71-72-68-211 71-69-72-212 72-66-74-212 72-72-69-213 74-66-73-213 70-71-73-214 72-65-77-214 73-74-68-215 74-70-71-215 73-70-74-217 78-71-69-218 73-73-72-218 77-69-72-218 72-73-73-218 76-68-74-218 0.84 i,600.83 69-73-76-218

College basketball

Sunday's scores

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Duke 69, Georgia Tech 64

Big Ten Conference
Championship

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Illinois 54, Wisconstin 43
Big Twelve Conference Championship
Oklahoma St. 72, Texas Tech 68
Southeastern Conference Championship

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Bryant 76, 810 comfered 59
Salem International 105, Prefere 93
Salem Ferris State 93, Southern Indiana 87 Findlay 63, Wayne State, Mich. 49 South Dakota 73, Winona State 68 Metro State 85, Minn. State-Mankato 64 Va. Union 85, South Carolina-Upstate 67 Bowle State 84, Columbus State 72

Sunday's women's scores

NCAA Division II legional Semifinal Regional Semifinals Bentley 63, Southern Connecticut State 49 Merrimack 76, American International 67 NCAA Division III
Quarterfinals
Springfield 80. Southern Maine 69

College baseball

Sunday's men's scores

Binghamton 15-7, Delaware St. 11-1 Coppin St. 6-5, Md.-Eastern Shore 2-6 Delaware 7, Story Brook 5 George Mason 5, Fairfield 1 George Washington 6, Vermont 0 Towson 4-3, LeMoyne 2-0

PLAYERS AREN'T THE ONLY

Akron 9, Murray St. 7
Arzona St. 30, W. Illinois 13
Arkansas Tech 7, Ark-Monticello 2
Armstrong Atlantic 3-5, Augusta St. 1-2
Auburn 4, VMI 3
Raylor 4 Auburn 4, VMI 3
Baylor 4, Vanderbilt 1
Baylor 4, Vanderbilt 1
Bethune-Cookman 6, Florida A&M 3
Birmingham-Southern 14, Butler 9
Boston College 6, Lafayette 5
Catawba 14, Presbyterian 1
Costal Carolina 5, South Alabama 4
Coker 17, Barton 7 Coker 17, Barton 7

Coll. of Charleston 8, Elon 4

Columbus St. 7, St. Andrews 5

Dayton 18-5, Oskland 0-4

Duquesne 13, Charlotte 9

East Caroling 14, Navy 0

Ferrum 7-3, Chowan 1-1

Florida 10, Michigan St. 0

Fla. International 9, Rutgers 3

Francis Marion 3, Nc. Pembro Furman 7, ETSU 4

George Mason 7, ETSU 4

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George Mason 5, Fairfield 1 Georgia Southern 21, Davidson Georgia Tech 16, Wake Forest 5 Harding 12, C. Arkansas 7 High Point 8, Ball St. 5 Holy Cross 14, Villanova 6 noy Cross 14, Villanova 6 Illinois St. 12, Fairleigh Dickinson 2 Indiana 14, Bucknell 4 James Madison 8, Kent St. 6 Kentucky 8-5, Rhode Island 5-7 Liberty 4, Marshall 3, 10 innings Liberty 4, Marshall 3, 10 inning: Limestone 14, Anderson, S.C. 3 Longwood 11, St. Peter's 0 Louisville 7, Georgia 4 Lynchburg 5-17, Roanoke 2-0 Methodist 6, Averett 5 Memi 6, Duke 1 Miami (Ohio) 11, Alabama 10 Middle Tennessee 9, Jacksonville St. 0 New Orleans 11. McNeese St. 2 New Orleans 11, McNeese St. 2 Micholfs St. 5, Louisiana Tech 3 North Carolina at Va. Tech. Cot. C. State 6, Marylan 15, IO Innin, North Florida 14, Kennesaw St. 9 North Georgia 9, Lindsey Wilson: N. Iowa 3, Sacred Heart 1 Norfolk St. 6, N. Carolina A&T 5 Samford 12, St. Louisiana 11 South Alabam 6, Niagara 5

South Carolina 6, Clemson 5 S.C.-Aiken 13, Martin-Methodist ! South Florida 13, Quinnipiac 5 Southern Miss. 7, Arkansas St. 5 Stetson 16, Georgia St. 6 Temple 5, Pittsburgh 3 Tennessee 12, Radford 0 Tennessee 12, Radford o Troy 3, Lipscomb o Troy 3, Lipscomb o Tulane 13, Cal St. Fullerton 9 Tusculum 9, Lenoir-Rhyne 8, 10 innings UAB 10, Tennessee Tech 5 UNC-Greensboro 5, The Citadel 4 Virginia 6, Marist 0 Va. Commonwealth 16, Richmond 9 Va. Commonwealth 16, Richmond 9
Wash, & Lee 14-4, Hampden-Sydney 4-13
W. Alabama 7, Quachita Baptist 0
W, Carolina 10, Appalachian St. 9
William & Mary 9, Princeton 8
Wolfford 13, W. Kentucky 9
Yale 6, Massachusetts 1
MIDWEST

Austin Peay 6, Evansville 3 Cincinnati 6, Xavier 0 Cincinnati 6, Xavier 0 Cent, Missouri 2, Emporia St. 0 Ill.-Chicago 14, Saint Louis 7 Kansas 17, N. Dakota St. 2 Kansas St. 11, E. Michigan 3 Manchester 3-6, DePauw 2-2 Manchester 3-6, DePauw 2-2 Missouri 17, Youngstown St. 0 Nebraska 17, S. Dakota St. 4 SE Missouri 8, Freed-Hardeman 1 S. Illinois 4, Chicago St. 0 S'west St., Minn. 6-4, North Dakota 3-11 Washburn 9-9, Minn.-Crookston 1-0 SOUTHWEST Arkansas 6, E, Illinois 0 Ark.-Pine Bluff 24, Southern U. 2

Illinois 3, Texas-Arlington 2 Mississippi 7, Sam Houston St. 3 Oklahoma 7, Northwestern St. 6 Oklahoma St. 5, Wis.-Milwaukee Rice 2, TCU 1 Oklahoms Rice 2, TCU 1 Texas 8, Purdue 0 Texas A&M-5, UCLA 3 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 7, Texas State 0 FAR WEST - Lauston 4

n Peay 6, Evansville 3 nois at Evansville, ppd., weather Kennel Club Bradley 21, Toledo : lowa 16, Rider 2 r 2 Lamar Classic

WON'T PEOPLE WATCHIN

Lamar 3, N.Y. Tech 0 Michigan 9, Cent. Connecticut St. 0 MetroDome Tournament Louislana-Lafayette 3, St. John's 1 Harvard 9, Minnesota 1 Harvard 9, Minnesota 1
Public Storage Classic
Wichita St. 6, Texas Tech 5
UC Irvine 8, Southern Cal 2
USA Challenge
Connecticut 4, Tenn.-Martin 0 USA Challenge
Connecticut 4, Tenn.-Martin 0
Indiana St. 11, Memphis 10
Ark.-Little Rock 3, Tenn.-Martin 0
Yellow Book USA Classic
Oregon St. 8, Winthrop 2
CS Northridge 8, Pepperdine 1

Tennis Pacific Life Open

Sunday At The Indian Wells, Tennis Garden Indian Wells, Calif. Purse: Men, \$2,724,600 (Masters); Women, \$2,1 million (Tier I) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Men

Supples

Taylor Dent City, United States, ed. Cyril

Fall-Herri Martine, France, ed. Cyril

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Horizon Common Com en, Finland, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5. Carlos Moya (7), Spain, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 6-3, 6-4. Michael Llodra, France, def. Dominik Hr-baty (28), Slovakia, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Lleyton Hewitt (2), Australia, def. Robby Ginepri, United States, 6-2, 7-6 (2). Women Third Round

Women Conchita Martinez (23), Spain, def. Jamea Jackson, United States, 6-0, 7-5 and Renesova (24), Ecchi Regulari, 7-6 Li Februari, 7-6 Li Fe

Interservice

Basketball
2005 March Madess Open Tournament
At Coral Reef Fitness and Sports Complex,
Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
Day 1
Men's Pool A
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Team Guam Heat, Okinawa Budweiser, Guam Monday's scores Camp Humphreys 106, Heat 93 Team Guam 111, Budweiser Women's Pool Kunsan Air Base, South Korea Osan Air Base, South Korea Osan Air Base, South Korea Camp Humphreys, South Korea Andersen Air Force Base, Guam Bud Light, Guam Monday's scores Camp Humphreys 85, Bud Light 62 Osan 75, Andersen 54 Kunsan 84, Camp Humphreys 72

High school

Japan girls soccer Saturday's summar

Saturday's summary
Marist Brothers Int'l 3, Mathew C. Perry 0
At twakuni Marine Air Station, Japan
Marist 23
Perry 0
Friday's summary
Marist Brothers Int'l 4, Matthew C. Perry 1
At twakuni Marine Air Station, Japan
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Marist
Perry
Goal-Perry, Heather Nuse 1 (1).
sist-Perry, Gabby Pacheco 1.
Korea girls soccer
Friday's summary
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At Camp Hialeah, South Korea ational 0

At Camp Hialean, South Korea Korea Pusan Goals-Pusan, Brieanna Carroll 4 (4), altonen 2 (6), Cassie Carroll 1 (2).

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Marshall ties mark for threes

League-record 21 three-pointers lift Raptors over 76ers

The Associated Press

TORONTO - Donyell Marshall took what the Philadelphia 76ers gave him.

And took, And took, And took Repeatedly left open in the cor-Marshall made 12 -pointers to tie Kobe Bryant's NBA record and the Toronto Raptors hit a league-record 21 in their 128-110 home victory over

the 76ers on Sunday night 'They are on stopping vou in the and paint making you shoot outside jump shots," Marshall said. "When you have a coach that



Marshall

preaches style they're going

to keep doing that no matter what ' Marshall was 12-for-19 from three-point range to tie the mark set by Bryant for the Lakers

against Seattle in January 2003.

"The basket just looked humongous," Marshall said. "My teammates kept telling me to shoot it. They kept saying no matter what play we run we're going

to look for you in the corner. The former Connecticut forward had a career-high 38 points. the most ever by a Toronto re-

"You can't give a great shooter like that open looks like that. It's suicide," Philadelphia's Chris Webber said. "I told him in the first quarter if he gets those looks, he'd better go for the record and

Toronto, 21-for-34 on threes, broke the NBA record of 19 set by Atlanta against Dallas in 1996. The teams combined for an NBA-record 31 three-pointers, breaking the mark of 29 set by Denver and Seattle in 1997, and the Raptors matched the club record for points. After tying the record with 2:52

left, Marshall missed his last two shots and left to a standing ovation with 17.5 seconds to go.

Jalen Rose added 25 points for the Raptors, and Morris Peterson had 20. Allen Iverson led the 76ers with 32

At Auburn Hills, Mich., the De-troit Pistons and Utah Jazz also set an NBA record.

The teams combined for 18 points in the fourth quarter to break the record of 19 set by Miami and Toronto in the fourth quarter on Feb. 2, 2004. The Pistons won 64-62

The 126-point total is the sixth lowest in NBA history. The league low is 119 by Boston (62) and Milwaukee (57) in 1955.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference W L Pct 48 16 .750 38 23 .623 34 29 .540 33 27 .550 32 28 .533 31 31 .500 31 31 .500

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Western Conference									
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Golden State 20 New Orleans 14 x-division leader Sunday's gar Dallas 102, Minnesota 93 Dallas 102, Minnesota 53
Houston 111, Sacramento 96
LA. Cilppers 83, Chicago 78
Detroit 64, Utah 62
New Jersey 98, Orlando 82
New Jersey 98, Orlando 82
Seston 165, Washington 101
Seattle 90, New York 80
Florein 106, Denver 101
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Phoenix 106, Denver 101
Lakers at Washington
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Portland at Memphis

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Seattle at Detroit Cleveland at Milwaukee Memphis at New Orleans Portland at Houston Minnesota at San Antonio Minnesota at San Antor Charlotte at Denver Orlando at L.A. Clippers

Mavericks 102, T-wolves 93

DALLAS - Howard 7-14 0-2 15, Nowitzki 9-22 3-3 21, Henderson 3-6 1-4 7, Finley 4-8 0-0

10, Terry 8-17 5-5 22, Daniels 4-9 8-10 16, Brad-ley 1-1 6-02, Van Horn 3-7-2-3 8, Harris 6-3-0-6 0, Armstrong 6-0 1-21. Totals 3-85 70-25 102. 0, Armstrong 6-0 1-21. Totals 3-85 70-2-5 102. nett 8-12 8-12 44, Thomas 7-2

Rockets 111. Kings 96

HOUSTON - McGrady 11-23 0-0 22 oward 5-13 0-0 10, Yao 5-9 7-8 17, Sura 0-3 0-0 0, Wesley 9-12 0-021, James 7-9 3-4 20, Mu-tombo 1-3 4-4 6, Barry 4-5 3-3 12, Padgett 1-4 0-0 3, Weatherspoon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-81 0-0 3, Weatherspoon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-81 17-19 111. SACRAMENTO — Stolakovic 8-18 1-1 21

SACRAMENTO — Stojakovic 8-18 1-1 21 Songaila 5-10 0-0 10, Skinner 3-7 0-2 6, Mob-ley 8-24 0-1 20, Bibby 5-16-1-3 12, Ostertag 1-1 0-0 2, Thomas 4-9 5-9 13, Evans 1-2 0-0 2, Will-iamson 0-2 2-2 2, House 3-5 0-0 8. Totals 38-94 9-18 96.

Clippers 83, Bulls 78

Chicago L.A. Clippers Three-Point Goals Chicagopers 15 22 38 11-78 Three-Point Coals—Chicago Se2 (Minrich 47, Gordon 2-5, Nocioni 1-2, Duhon 1-6, Pilat Woxski 6-2), Lo, Clippers 0-3 (Gimmons 0-1, Chalmers 0-1), Fouled Out—Chandler, Bebounds—Chicago 50 (Curry State Chicago 19 (Hinrich, Duhon 8), Lab. Chicago 19 (Hinrich, Duhon 8), Lab. Chicago 19 (Hinrich, Duhon 8), Tab. Chicago 19 (Hinrich, Duhon 8), Tab. Chicago 17, La. Clippers 24 (Russon 8), Total Fouls—Chicago 27, La. Clippers 17, Technical—Chicago Defensive Three Second. A—1906 (18,964).

Pistons 64, Jazz 62

UTAH — Harpring 5-14 0-0 10, Kirilenko 11-19-4-427, Borchardt 0-2 0-0.0, Bell 3-9-0-6, McLeod 0-6, 5-4, Okur 2-9-3-4, Thumphries McLeod 0-6, 5-4, Okur 2-9-4, Giricek 0-5-0-0. To-tals 2-4-74 13-17 62. DETROIT — Prince 2-9

McDyess 3-9 4-4 10, Hunter 1-3 0-0 2, Dupree 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-73 17-21 64.

Bell 0-1, Giricek 0-2, McLeod 0-2), Detroit 1-18 (R. Wallace 1-5, Arroyo 0-1, Prince 0-2, Hunter 0-2, Billiups 0-4, Hamilton 0-4), Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Utlah 60 (Kirilenko 14), Detroit 48 (B.Wallace 12). Assists—Utlah 18 (McLeod 4), Detroit 12 (Billiups, Prince, Arroyo 3), Total Fouls—Utlah 20, Detroit 17, Flagrant fouls—Okur. A—22,076. (22,076).

Nets 98, Magic 82

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NEW JESSY — Curter 19-39, 12-133, 10-11-12-2, 20d 4-84-51, 14-19-11-12-2, 10d 4-84-51, 14-19-12-2, 14-19-2, 14-

Celtics 105, Wizards 101

WASHINGTON — Jeffries 3-7 7-9 13, Jamison 6-13 2-2 14, Haywood 3-7 1-4 7, Arenas 7-22 10-13 25, Hughes 11-20 3-6 26, KBrown 1-4 0-0 2, Thomas 2-2 1-2 5, Blade 2-5 3-5 9, Profit 0-1 0-0 0, Ruffin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-81

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Iditarod leader Sorlie pulls into Unalakleet first-round of the Atlantic 10 tour-

The Associated Press

UNALAKLEET, Alaska - Norwegian Robert Sorlie was the first musher to reach this town on Alaska's Norton Sound coast, but he was nowhere near comfortable with his lead entering the final leg of the 1.100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. "It's still a long way to Nome.

the 47-year-old firefighter from Hurdal said after pulling in to the checkpoint, which marks the wind-scrubbed coast to the finish

Sorlie said he was worried about the whereabouts of his nearest competitors: veterans Ramy Brooks, runner-up to Sorlie in the 2003 race, and four-time champion Martin Buser. Brooks left the earlier checkpoint at Kaltag at 9:42 a.m. Sunday, only an hour after Sorlie, for the 90-mile run to Unalakleet, followed by Buser 70

Tennessee, UMass, Tulane fire men's basketball coaches

Tennessee's Buzz Peterson and Massachusetts' Steve Lappas were fired after failing to get

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their teams into the NCAA men's tournament during four years at Peterson's dismissal was an-

nounced Monday in a statement by Tennessee athletic director Mike Hamilton. The Vols finished 14-17 overall and 6-10 in the Southeastern Conference this season after losing to Kentucky in the second round of the league tournament. It was Peterson's secand losing season in Knoyville leaving him with a 61-59 record in his four years.

Lappas, hired in 2001 to turn around Massachusetts' faltering program, was fired Monday after the Minutemen finished 16-12 the first winning season under Lappas, who compiled a 50-65 record in four years.

"This isn't a real positive day, but one we felt was necessary athletic director John McCutch eon said in announcing the deci-

UMass was eliminated in overtime by LaSalle during the nament last week and failed to get an NIT bid. Tulane also fired its coach.

Shawn Finney, after five seasons Finney was 60-86 with the Green Wave, including 10-18 this season. He had one winning season and failed to take Tulane to postseason play.

Gillen steps down at Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. Pete Gillen stepped down as Virginia's basketball coach Monday. ending a seven-year tenure marked by just one trip to the NCAA tournament.

The team did not reach the goals we thought were achievable entering the 2004-05 season," athletic director Craig Littlepage said during brief remarks to the media at University Hall

The university said in a state ment that under the terms of Gillen's contract he will receive a buyout of approximately \$2 million. Gillen had six years remaining on a 10-year, \$9 million contract he signed after the 2000-01 season.

"I have said many times the

University of Virginia is a special place and I still feel that way, Gillen said in a statement distrib-uted by the school. "I appreciate the opportunity given to me as the head coach and feel it is in the best interest of all that I step aside at this time."

Gillen, 57, did not attend the briefing or return a phone message left at his office.

Gooden arrested, charged after domestic complaint

TAMPA, Fla. — Dwight Gooden was arrested early Sunday for allegedly punching his ex-wife in

the face, police said. The former All-Star pitcher was charged with domestic violence battery and was being held Sunday without bond at Hillsborough County Jail. It wasn't immediately known if he had an attorney.

Jail officials said Gooden, a spe-cial assistant for the New York Yankees, was scheduled to make his first court appearance on Monday morning.

He was arrested by Tampa po-

lice at 12:44 a.m., according to jail records. Tampa police spokes-woman Laura McElrov said the dispute occurred at the home Monique Moore, Gooden's ex-wife.

MLB gives records to Congress

BY HOWARD FENDRICH The Associated Press

WASHINGTON League Baseball handed over a box of subpoenaed documents on Monday to the House panel investigating steroids in the sport.

The Government Reform Committee had given baseball a Monday deadline for producing information about its drug-testing program, including test results with the names of players removed.

It wasn't immediately clear what papers the commissioner's office submitted. The committee had issued a subpoena covering 11 areas

"We are reviewing the docu-ments now," David Marin, a spokesman for committee chairman Tom Davis, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Rob Manfred, baseball's execu-

tive vice president for labor rela-tions, said Sunday that the commissioner's office was working on producing the documents. Asked whether baseball would give evwhether baseball would give ev-erything the panel wanted, Man-fred said: "Thirty-five years of documents in three days? Every-thing that was humanly possible."

The documents could give Congress a better sense of how cooperative baseball will be. It is still unclear who will show up to testify before the committee on Thurs-

Davis predicted Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the full House easily would pass a contempt of Congress resolution if subpoenaed players don't appear. He said one or more of the seven active or former players called to testify could be excused from coming, though he did not specify who

prosecution was in 1983.

"These people are not above the law," Davis told NBC

He was asked why San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds wasn't invited to the hearing.

"There are a lot of reasons why people are on or off the list, including the BALCO investigation in San Francisco, but including the fact that we didn't want to make this about one player,' Davis said

Bonds reportedly testified to a grand jury in 2003 that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer charged in the BALCO steroid-distribution case, but he also reportedly said he didn't know they were ste-

The ranking Democrat on the House panel, Henry Waxman of California, said on "Meet the Press" that Bonds could be summoned for a future hearing.

Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa Jose Canseco, Jason Giambi, Rafael Palmeiro, Curt Schilling and Frank Thomas are the play ers subpoenaed. Manfred, two other baseball executives and players' association head Donald

Fehr also were subpoenaed. Canseco asked for immunity so he can testify fully. Schilling said he's willing to testify, and Tho-mas might testify by telephone because of an injury. McGwire, Sosa, Giambi and Palmeiro

haven't said whether they'll go. Asked why Sosa and McGwire were called, Davis said: "They've been accused by former colleagues of having used drugs. There is, I think, a widespread feeling that maybe they cheated way to achieving these records by using illegal drugs.

Harrington earns first victory on PGA Ťour

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — As Padraig Harrington mounted a charge in the Honda Classic, birdies came so easily he began thinking about shooting 59 He settled for his first PGA

Tour title instead. Harrington won when Vijay Singh missed a 21/2-foot putt to bogey the second playoff hole Sun-

day. Ranked. eighth in the world. Dublin native is believed to he the first

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player from the Republic of Ire land to win a tour event He figured his countrymen watched on TV.

"I'm sure I kept a few pubs open tonight," Harrington said.

"It's very good to be the first Irishman. We have produced a lot of competitive players. An assistant to Irish President Mary McAleese phoned with con-

gratulations Harrington caught a break with Singh's miss, but he earned the title by shooting a 9-under-par 63 in the final round. Down seven shots when the day began, Harrington birdied 10

of the first 13 holes and briefly took sole possession of the lead. "I had not looked at a leader board," he said. "I was just thinking about shooting 59. ... I'm thinking, 'I'm 10 under. It's there. How much more work do you have to do?"

When consecutive ended his bid to tie the PGA Tour record. Harrington began to focus on winning the tournament. He was in a four-way tie for the lead when he finished nearly 90 minutes ahead of the last group. and earned a playoff with Singh and Joe Ogilvie when all three finished at 14-under 274.

The par-4 No. 18 was used for both playoff holes, and Har-rington scrambled to get and-down for par each time. Ogilvie was eliminated when he bogeved the first extra hole, and Singh uncharacteristically failed on the verge of victory

He missed a 15-foot birdie try on the first playoff hole that would have given him the win. After Harrington made a 4-foot putt to par the second extra hole, Singh pushed his par try and the ball rimmed out.

"I thought it was a gimme," Harrington said. "If I had done it. I would be distraught, but thankfully Vijay has won enough that he shouldn't let it get to him."

Smyth wins SBC Classic

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. - Ireland's Des Smyth won his first Champions Tour title, closing with a 4-under 68 for a one-stroke victory over D.A. Weibring and Mark McNulty in the SBC Classic.

Smyth finished with a 5-under 211 total on the Valencia Country Club course. McNulty shot a 74. and Weibring had a 72.

Saunders returns to major-league mound

Tony Saunders wasn't worried about the results. After all he's been through, just throwing a few pitches off a major league mound was quite an accomplishment.

Trying an improbable comeback after twice breaking his left forearm while pitching, Saunders worked one inning for the Baltimore Orioles during their 5-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in a split-squad game Sunday.

know it's one little insignificant inning in a game, but it felt good," said Saunders, who pitched in a game for the first time since breaking his arm with Class-A St. Petersburg on Aug. 24, 2000. "I know I can do that now," he added.

Saunders allowed two runs. three hits and one walk in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. After the game. he was reassigned to Baltimore's minor league camp. Saunders, who first broke his arm on May 26, 1999, while pitching for Tampa Bay, was in camp on a minor league contract with an invitation to spring training.

St. Louis' Scott Rolen broke out of an 0-for-11 slumn with his first home run. Sammy Sosa hit his second homer for Baltimore, a towering shot to right.

Elsewhere, Randy Johnson, Derek Lowe and Mike Hampton

all had outstanding outings.

At Kissimmee, Fla., Johnson made his second start with the New York Yankees, throwing four scoreless innings in an 8-2 victory over the Houston Astros, his former team.

"I think this was a good barometer for me because the biggest thing was that I was able to go from two innings to four innings without any problems." Johnson said. "By the time I felt like I was just getting my work in during my last start, I was done. I wasn't happy with everything I threw, but I felt like I was starting to settle in a little bit more

At Vero Beach, Fla., Lowe allowed one run and three hits in five innings, and the Los Angeles

Spring training

Dodgers got home runs from Jeff Kent and Norihiro Nakamura in a 7-2 victory over the Florida Mar-

Lowe has started three games this spring, giving up only one run and seven hits in 12 innings. "I'm probably like everyone else, two or three weeks away," he said. "I probably couldn't throw 100 or 110 pitches effectively right now. But with three more starts I think I'll be ready

At Jupiter, Fla., Hampton had his third straight strong start, allowing one hit in four innings for the Atlanta Braves, who lost 7-3 to a St. Louis Cardinals split squad. Always a good hitter, he even connected for a two-run homer off Mark Mulder.

Hampton allowed his first two runs in nine innings this spring, but only a fourth-inning homer by John Mabry was earned. Opposing hitters were a combined 1-for-16 against the left-hander in his first two spring outings.

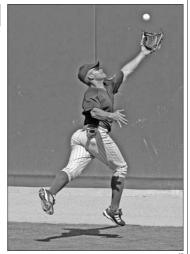
"I felt pretty good, not as sharp as the previous two outings," Hampton said. "On the whole it was a pretty good effort, not great. We're rebounding pretty good."

In other games:

Mets 7, Tigers 6: At Lakeland, Fla., Kris Benson had his second solid outing and Chris Woodward tripled twice, moving closer to earning a utility spot with New York. Luis Garcia homered off Detroit closer Troy Percival in the ninth to break a 6-6 tie.

Twins 4, Red Sox 2: At Fort Myers, Fla., Kyle Lohse threw three solid innings and Joe Mauer had two hits for Minnesota. Boston starter Matt Clement gave up three runs and seven hits in four innings.

Blue Javs 5. Devil Ravs 0: At St. Petersburg, Fla., Dave Bush pitched two-hit ball for four in-nings, and Alex Rios had two hits and scored three times. Tampa



Arizona Diamondbacks center fielder Jose Cruz Jr. robs Milwaukee Brewers' Lyle Overbay of a hit during the third inning of an exhibition game Sunday at the Brewers' spring training facility in Phoenix.

Bay starter Rob Bell threw three hitless innings

Indians 10, Reds 1: At Saraso-ta, Fla., Scott Elarton allowed only two singles in four scoreless innings. Elarton, the Indians' No. 5 starter, has allowed just one run in three starts spanning nine innings this spring Ken Griffey Jr. made his third appearance as a designated hitter for Cincinnati and singled in four plate appear-

Mariners 7, Rangers 6: At Surprise, Ariz., Alfonso Soriano homered to snap an 0-for-17 start this spring and Richard Hidalgo hit a pair of two-run shots for Texas. Seattle's Raul Ibanez finished 2-for-3 to raise his spring training

average to .519 (14-for-27) Royals 3, Giants 3 (10): At Scottsdale, Ariz., Aaron Guiel. Emil Brown and Ruben Gotay hit consecutive home runs in the fourth inning for Kansas City.

No longer the 'other' Washington school

Huskies not only region's top seed but also its best 'feel-good' story

BY EDDIE PELLS The Associated Press

ob Knight and Rick Pitino. Gonzaga and UCLA. All household names that are part of the Albuquerque regional this year. Only the hard core, though, might be familiar with the top seed pint-sized guard Nate Robinson, third-year coach Lorenzo Romar and the Washington Huskies.

The Huskies (27-5), who play the majority of their games after most of America has gone to bed, definitely got the attention of the NCAA selection committee.

They won the Pac-10 tourna-ment Saturday and, when Ken-tucky lost in the Southeastern Conference final Sunday, the door was opened for Romar's team to be seeded first - not had for a team ranked just 14th in the latest Associated Press poll.

"If you ask me, 'Do we deserve it?' My answer is yes," Romar said. "Are we surprised? I guess the surprising part is that we weren't sure whether someone else, other than us, would think we deserved it."

With Washington as the No. 1, Wake Forest as the No. 2 and last year's national runner-up, Georgia Tech, as a No. 5, this is widely regarded as the most wide-open of the four regionals.

Gonzaga, arguably the most recognizable team from Washington, earned a third seed and given the bracket, there's a good argument for this being the year the tiny



Washington coach Lorenzo Romar hugs Jamaal Williams after the Huskies' 81-72 victory over Arizona on Saturday. Washington earned not only the Pac-10 tournament title but a No. 1 seeding in the NCAA tourney.

school from Spokane finally gets to the Final Four. "I don't really sit there and ana-

lyze," Bulldogs coach Mark Few said. "I leave that up to the bracketologists.

All around the bracket are interesting stories featuring familiar names and high-profile programs

leads sixth-seeded Texas Tech in a first-round game against 11th-seeded UCLA

Chris Paul of Wake Forest tries to set aside his suspension from the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament — one that contributed to his team's first-round loss and lead the Demon Deacons to the regional semis for the second straight year

Georgia Tech, a bubble team just two weeks ago, got in easily thanks to its appearance in the ACC tournament final. The Yellow Jackets open against George Washington.

Pitino leads the fourth-seeded Cardinals against Sun Belt champion Louisiana-Lafayette. The Cardinals, ranked sixth in the AP and winners of the regular-season and tournament championships in Conference USA, were expecting a better seed, and now have reason to play with a chip on their shoulders

"I've got to lift them up a little bit." Pitino said. "But we're in the tournament, we've met the crite ria, we've met all the challenges and we've just got to keep on going

Pacific looked like it could be the next Gonzaga, a powerful small school that had won 22 straight going into the Big West Conference tournament final A loss in that game dampened the optimism, but when the bracket came out, the Tigers found themaway (against Pitt) from playing

"It looks like a good bracket for us," forward Christian Maraker said

Indeed, it is wide open, and there is no need to look too far down the bracket to find the kind of intriguing, unknown team that often captures imaginations during the tournament.

That candidate is the Huskies, who get 16.7 points a game from the 5-foot-9 Robinson and who defeated Arizona twice over the last three weeks to greatly improve their standing in the bracket.

They beat out Kentucky, Okla-homa State. Wake Forest and a few other good candidates for a top seed, and even some in the oft-overlooked Pac-10 were surprised.

"It speaks volumes to the selection committee they were able to give a No. 1 seed to the Pac-10 in the West," Stanford coach Trent Johnson said, "Me personally, I didn't think they were going to

They did, though, and Romar gets much of the credit. A former Huskie himself,

Romar was an assistant under Jim Harrick when UCLA won the national championship in 1995. Romar took over before the 2002-03 season and quickly transformed the Huskies from a regional also-ran into a national power

Washington was third in the latest RPI ratings. The Pac-10 tournament title was the first league championship of any kind for the Huskies since 1985.

"We've definitely got a banner to put up in the gym next year," Washington forward Bobby Jones said. "We'd love to have another one that says, 'National Champions,' too,'

AP Sports Writers Tim Korte in Seattle and Janie McCauley in San Francisco contributed to this report.

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Powerhouse teams and players in Austin

Duke, Kentucky, Michigan State, Syracuse recent NCAA champs

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

ike to follow powerhouse programs in the NCAA tournament? Want to watch star players? Root for the underdogs? This year's Austin Regional is rich in all those story lines, including the chance that Duke and Kentucky will meet for a spot in the Final

The selection committee on Sunday rewarded the Blue Devils with the No. 1 seed for winning the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, while the Wildcats dropped to No. 2 after losing the finals of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

The next three spots all went to recent Final Four teams - Oklahoma (2002), Syracuse (national champs in '03) and Michigan State (2001 and national champs in 2000). Even the sixth through ninth seeds — Utah, Cincinnati, Stanford and Mississippi State have been to the Final Four re-cently enough that some fans may still be wearing the T-shirts.

The star power for this chunk of the bracket comes from Utah's Andrew Bogut, perhaps the na tion's best big man, and three of the nation's top six scorers during the regular season: Vermont's Taylor Coppenrath, Niagara's Juan Mendez and Duke's J.J.

It wouldn't be tournament time without charming upstarts. Among those two victories away from Austin are 14th-seeded Nia gara, which will be making its first appearance since Calvin





Two of the best big men in the country, Utah's 7-foot Australian, Andrew Bogut, left, and Syracuse's Big East player of the year, Hakim Warrick, will draw plenty of attention in the NCAA tournament's Austin Regional.

Murphy was the main attraction in 1970, and No. 16 seed Delaware State, which is in for the first time, period. There's also No. 15 seed Eastern Kentucky, whose coach, Travis Ford, helped first-round foe Kentucky reach the Final Four in 1993

If Duke and Kentucky can win three straight games, history indi-cates it would be one beck of a game. The teams have met in the NCAA tournament five times and all have been decided by six points or less; the last three have been even better, with a total of four points separating the winners and losers

And if you really want to look ahead, think about who the win-

ner of this region will face in St. Louis: the winner of the Syracuse Regional, which includes North Carolina, reigning champion Connecticut, Kansas and Florida.

The Blue Devils (25-5) open Friday close to home in Charlotte, N.C., against Delaware State (19-13), winner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship. Next up, on Sunday would be the winner of the 8-9 game between Stanford (18-12) and Mississippi State (22-10). Stanford is 5-3 since losing lead-

ing scorer Dan Grunfeld to a knee injury, but recently beat Washingne top seed in the Albuquerque Regional, and narrowly lost the Huskies in the semifinals of

the Pac-10 tournament. Mississin pi State is on the upswing since getting guard Winsome Frazier back from a broken foot, and now the Bulldogs are hoping to get out

of the first weekend for the first time since making the Final Four Syracuse and Michigan State have both won national titles since then, and could meet Sunday in Worcester, Mass.

First, Hakim Warrick fourth-seeded Syracuse (2 must get past 13th-seeded Ver-mont (24-6) on Friday, while fifth-seeded Michigan State (22-6) opens against 12th-seeded Old Dominion (28-5). The Spar-tans and Orange last met in the gan State won it all

Syracuse is a popular sleeper pick to come out of this region — if it can be considered a sleeper after its first Big East tournament title since 1992 and after Warrick picked up the tourney MVP to go with his conference player of the year award

Kentucky (25-5) will be trying to bounce back from its worst-ever loss in the SEC tournament — "Obviously, we're going to have to play better to do well," coach Tubby Smith said - when that winner gets either No. 7 Cincinnati (24-7) or No. 10 Iowa (21-11). Those games are Thursday and Saturday in Indianapolis.

"I came here four years ago, and each year I've asked coach Huggs, 'Can we play Kentucky?' and they couldn't arrange for that game to happen," Bearcats for-ward Jason Maxiell said. "If we win against Iowa, that game's going to happen."

Huggins, however, won't look

"If they spend all that time thinking about that, they'll be watching Kentucky play Iowa on TV," Huggins said.

Fans in Tucson, Ariz., will get to see Mendez and Bogut, definitely on Thursday and perhaps head-to-head on Saturday.

Mendez, the only player in the NCAA this season to rank in the top 10 in scoring (23.6 points) and rebounding (10.5), leads Niagara (20-9) against third-seeded Oklahoma (24-7). Bogut and sixth-seeded Utah (27-5) start with No. 11 UTEP (27-7).

The Utes and Miners used to be conference foes, so they know each other well. Not so for Oklahoma of the Big 12 and Niagara of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Con-

"There are kids on their team that are going to say, 'Coach, what conference are they in?' "Niaga-ra coach Joe Mihalich said. "So hopefully, that'll work a bit in our

Austin Regional

Record: 25-5. Last 10: 7-3.
Best wim: 102-32 vs. Wake Forest on Jan. 20.
Key players: 6 J.J. Redick (22.6 pts., 417 3-pt pct.), C Shelden Williams (15.8 pts., 11.1 reb.), G banel Ewing (15.1 pts., 40 38.5) and Every (15.1 pts., 40 38.5) and course FT shooter (931 pct.) in NCAA history.
Outlook: Anything short of the Final Four would be a huge disappointment for the Blue Devils.

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Best win: 71-63 vs. Kansas on Feb. 21
Key players: F Taj Gray (14.7 pts., 7.8 reb.), G
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Terrief (Everett (12.3 pts., 5.1 asst.), F kevin Book (11.3 pts., 6.4 reb.) out was an All-American Shot putter for the Sooners track team in 2003. Outlooks Sooners could make a serious run, but Final Four might beaut of reach.

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to the team more than once.

Outlook. A tournament-savvy team with a veteran coach, the Orange have overcome a lateseason slump and are poised to make a run for
another national championship.

5. MICHIGAN STATE Record: 22-6. Last 10: 8-2.

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Best win: 77-64 x, Wisconsin on Feb. 24.

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Did you know?: Cardinal's leading scorer, G
Dan Grunfeld, out for year after tearing ACL last
month, is son of Washington Wizards GM Ernie

9. MISSISSIPPI STATE Record: 22-10. Last 10: 5-5.

Record: 22-10. Last 10: 5-5.
Best win: 80-55 over Arkansas on Jan, 15.
Key players: C Lawrence Roberts (17.0 pts,
1.1 reb.), G Winsome Frazier (12.4 pts, .360 3-pt.), 6-F Shane Power (11.5 pts, 2.5 asst.).
Did you know2: Coach Rick Stansbury is first coach to guide Bulldogs to three consecutive

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eams this year. Anything past the second round
would be difficult to imagine.

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Key players: F Taylor Coppenrath (25.7 pts., 8.9
beb.), G T.J. Sorrentine (18.6 pts., 4.05 3-pt. pct.), F
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Outlook: Coppenrath is one of the top scorers in the country, and the Catamounts could be a handful for Syracuse in the first round.

14. NIAGARA

Record: 20-9. Last 10: 7-3.
Best Win: 102-97 vs. Rider on Jan. 20.
Key players: F Juan Mendez. (23.6 pts., 10.5 eb.), G Javid Brooks (17.1 pts., 5-2eb.), G Javid Brooks (17.1 pts.), G Ja

game, the Purple Eagles are fourth in the nation in scoring. Outlook: The prolific Joe Mendez is Niagara's driving force. He can spell trouble for Oklahoma in the Inst round if Society Carterious Record: 21.8 Last 10: 82-28 FUCKY Best with 73-66 at Dayton on Nov. 21. Key players: 6 Matt Witt (14,1 pts., 6.4 ast.), F Michael Haney (13.5 pts., 8.3 reb.), G Zach Ingles (13) pts., 27 reb.),

(11.9 pts., 2.7 reb.).

Did you know?: The Colonels are making their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1979.

Outlook: Coach Travis Ford was a star guard at Kentucky, helping the Wildcats reach the Final Four in 1993.

A 'stacked, stacked bracket' with intrigue

Syracuse Regional champ will have to 'earn their way' to St. Louis

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR. The Associated Press

orth Carolina, Connecticut, Kansas and Florida are a formidable foursome at the top of the Syracuse Regional.

Throw in talent-laden teams liked Villanova, Wisconsin and North Carolina State, and this 16-team field shapes up as one of the toughest in recent NCAA tournament history.

"This is a stacked, stacked bracket," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said Sunday after the NCAA tournament's 64 teams were announced, "Therefore, whoever gets to St. Louis is going to have to earn their way.

The top-seeded Tar Heels (27-4) had its first 20-win season since 2000-2001 and finished alone atop the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season standings for the first time since 1993, but lost to Georgia Tech in the ACC tournament semifinals.

"Earning a No. 1 seed is truly a reward for a fantastic season," coach Roy Williams said in a statement. "I am extremely happy for our seniors to make it to the NCAA tour nament two years in a row after enduring a difficult first two years

The Tar Heels will face the winner of Tuesday's play-in game Friday in Charlotte, N.C. Oakland (12-18), which won the Mid-Continent Conference tournament, will play Alabama A&M, the Southwestern

Athletic Conference champion in Dayton. With a victory, Carolina would face the winner of the Minnesota (21-10)-Iowa State (18-11) matchup.

There's also the possibility of an intriguing Elite Eight game, with North Carolina facing Kansas - the school Williams left to coach his alma mater in 2003

"It would be a dream for me." Kansas senior guard Michael Lee said. "I want to play my former coach. I didn't think I would have a chance to. But if we get a chance to meet them, it would be fun

The Javhawks (23-6) the No. 3 seed open against Bucknell (22-9) at Oklahoma City. Kansas was ranked No. 1 in the coun-





Kansas coach coach Bill Self, left, has downplayed the potential Elite Eight matchup with former Kansas coach Roy Williams, right, now coaching No. 1 seed North Carolina.

try early on and No. 2 for most of the season but lost five of its last eight games, in-cluding the Big 12 semifinal to Oklahoma

"Carolina is not on my brain at all," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "We've got Bucknell and we've got Wisconsin or Northern Iowa if we're fortunate enough to beat Bucknell. That's all this team should be fo-

cused on and thinking about." Wisconsin (22-8) lost to No. 1 overall seed Illinois in the Big Ten championship,

while Northern Iowa (21-10) has won five Defending national champion Connecti-

cut, the No. 2 seed, opens against Central Florida (24-8) at Worcester, Mass. The Huskies (22-7) have won 10 of their last 12 and earned a share of the Big East regu lar-season crown - all while dealing with

Star recruit A.J. Price is recovering from a brain hemorrhage he suffered in Oc-tober. Leading scorer Rashad Anderson battled a life-threatening illness last month brought on by complications from a skin in-

"It's been hard," forward Charlie Villanueva said. "We've been through a lot and it's a blessing being a two seed. Without a doubt, it's toughened us up.

Next up would be the winner of the Charlotte (21-7)-North Carolina State (19-13)

State was ranked as high as No. 12 and started 10-1 this season, but lost nine of its next 12 before working their way back into

tournament contention "Win or lose they can always remember how they were in a very tough spot and yet

they battled their way out of it," coach Herb Sendek said. "That's something Herb Sendek said. that's going to stay with these guys for a

Florida (23-7) which heat Kentucky twice in eight days — to win the regular-season finale and its first SEC tournament title - opens against Ohio (21-10) in

Nashville Tenn

"We're very, very excited about what happened today," coach Billy Donovan said. "But we've got to be able to take that next step and just focus on the NCAA tournament and getting ready to play.

The last time the Gators made the Final Four, also going through the Syracuse Regional, was in 2000, when they lost to Michigan State 89-76 in the national championship game. In the four years since, Florida hasn't gotten past the first round.

But the Gators are playing their best basketball of the season — winning seven in a row and allowing an average of just 56.4 noints during that span

The Florida-Ohio winner takes on whoever comes out of the Villanova-New Mexico game — one of the tournament's most intriguing 5-12 matchups.

Fifth-seeded Villanova played in the NIT the last five years, had an eight-game winning streak before losing to West Virginia in the Big East semifinals. 'Nova gained confidence late in the season with wins over then-No. 3 Boston College last month and then No. 2 Kansas in January.

"I think it's helped us a lot to prepare for this particular moment, playing those tough teams." forward Curtis Sumpter

"I think we're in one of the toughest brackets out there

New Mexico (26-6) has won nine in a row and was a bit miffed at getting a No. 12 seed after winning the Mountain West Conference tournament "I thought we'd get an 11 or possibly a

10," New Mexico coach Ritchie McKay said. "Twelve seeds are usually the last at-large (teams) in I thought being 26.6 we

deserved a little more favorable number ... but we'll just take what we got."

Syracuse Regional

1. NORTH CAROLINA

Record: 24-7, Last 16-5.2

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Outlook: Powerful and deep, anything but a Finial four appea. 2 CONNECTION:

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asst.), G Matt Walsh (13.9 pts., 432 3-pt pct.), F David Lee (13.3 pts., 8.8 reb.). Did you know?: Donovan and Texas Tech's Bob Knight are the only two active coaches to coach and play in a Final Four. Outlook: Could win a few. Could lose early. This team is a mystery.

Record: 22-7. Last 10: 8-2 Best win: 83-62 vs. Kansas on Jan. 22. Key players: F Curtis Sumpter (16.2 pts., 7.4 eb.), G Allan Ray (17.3 pts.). Did you know?: The Wildcats knocked off four op 25 teams this season, including then-No. 2

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Outlook: Villanova has jelled the past six weeks and the season shows it can play with the big boys, but a repeat of the Wildcate 1985 champlomable me. M. WISCONSIN BROOMER 2.2.8, Last 10:82, and State on Jan. 16. WISCONSIN Properties of the Wildcate of

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7. CHARLOTTE

Record: 21-7. Last 10: 7-3.

Best win: 102-101 vs. Alabama on Dec. 4.

Key players: F Curtis Withers (17.5 pts., 8.3

eb.), F Eddie Basden (15.3 pts., 8.4 reb.), G/F rendan Plavich (14.1 pts.). Did you know?: Plavich led the SEC with a .441 you know: Playton led the SEC with a. 441 three-point shooting percentage while playing for Vanderbilt in 2001-02.

Outlook: With a nice blend of inside-outside, Charlotte could catch a team or two napping. But the 49ers dropped their last three, which is troubling.

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Anything more than one win would be huge.

Best win: 63-61 at Kansas on Feb. 19. Key players: G Curtis Stinson (17.3 pts., 5.4 eb.) C Jared Homan (13.4 pts., 8.2 reb.) G Will Bla-

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Did you know?: Only four players on lowa's ros-ter come from the state of lowa.
Outlook: One win is possible for the streaky Cy-clones, who started the season 0-5. Anything more is hard to fathom.

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Record: 26-6. Last 10: 9-1.
Best win: 65-54 vs. Utah on Feb. 21.
Key players: F Danny Granger (18-3 pts., 8-5 reb.), G Troy DeVries (11.6 pts., 2.7 asst.).
Did you know?: The Lobos have finished second in the nation in attendance five times, third on four occasions, and fourth six times.

Outlook: Lobos beat a tough Utah team to earn a trip to the tournament and have the talent to stick around awhile.

13. OHIO Record: 21-10. Last 10: 8-2.

Record: 21-10. Last 10: 8-2.
Best win: 92-90 at Buffalo on Feb. 2.
Key players: G Mychal Green (14.7 pts., 3.8 reb.), F Sonny Troutman (12.6 pts., 3.8 reb.), F Leon Williams (12.0 pts., 8.6 reb.).
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rst major-conference opponent of the season.

16. ALBAMA A&M

Record: 18-13. Last 10: 7-3.

Key players: G Obie Trotter (14.8 pts., 3.9 teals) G/F Joe Martin (13.3 pts., 7.7 reb.). Outlook: The Bulldogs have written all over them. 16. OAKLAND Record: 12-18. Last 10: 6-4.

RECORD: 12-18. Last 10: 6-4.
Key players: G Rawle Marshall (19.7 pts., 7.7 reb.), F Cortney Scott (17.9 pts., 7.3 reb.).
Outlook: The Grizzlies had their Cinderella moment in the MCC tourney.

Home on the Plains

As if they needed more of an advantage, the Illini will be close to home throughout the tournament

BY NANCY ARMOUR

The Associated Pres: llinois couldn't have a better

draw unless the NCAA tournament was moved to As-sembly Hall. The top-ranked Illini drew the

overall No. 1 seed and the Chica-go Regional on Sunday, essentially giving them homecourt advantage for the entire NCAA tournament. All three rounds are within a three-hour drive of the campus, and the regional finals are in Chicago, where most of the players

"It gives us a great advantage Roger Powell Jr. said. "Our fan support is so strong. Even if we went far away, I'm sure would came. This just makes it easier on their gas money, you might say

Illinois set its sights on a No. 1 seed months ago. with Nick Smith saying in October, "It's St. Louis or bust." Which No. 1 re-

ally didn't matter, though the Illini know their geography as well as anybody else. And the Illini made it easy on

the selection committee, going 32-1, spending almost the entire season at No. 1 and winning the Big Ten title and conference tour-

Even a loss in the regular-season finale didn't hurt them, though it had seemed to reinforce what doubters had been saving all along: The big men are weak there is little, if any, depth and the Big Ten isn't the ACC. The Illini may have kept their No. 1 rank-ing last week, but 22 voters preferred North Carolina.

But Illinois won the Big Ten tournament Sunday after North Carolina lost to Georgia Tech in the ACC semifinals. The Tar Heels finished the year 27-4. All the other top schools finished with at least four losses.

"We put ourselves in the position we wanted to be in. All have to do is take advantage of it," said James Augustine, the most valuable player in the Big Ten tournament. "We're happy with

the position we're in."

They should be. While other tournament teams will be spending much of their time traveling Alabama-Birmingham was sent to Boise, Idaho, for the opening round — the Illini could hitch rides and still make it with time to

Indianapolis, where the Illini

44 They are definitely feeding us to the lions.

> Tom Green Fairleigh Dickinson coach

will play 16th-seeded Fairleigh Dickinson on Thursday, is a two-hour drive. Chicago is less than 2½ hours away, and St. Louis is on the state line, a mere three-hour jaunt.
And talk about fan-friendly.

When Illinois played in the Wooden Classic in December, Illini fans overran the city. Chicago is merely an extension of Champaign, home to eight players and the largest alumni concentration.

On Sunday, the entire arena was awash in orange except for two small sections. They're not shy about their allegiance, either. They even booed the clips of Wisconsin fans singing their fight

song that flashed on the score-"Hopefully our people have been on the phones, buying up tickets" coach Bruce Weber said "We talked about having a chance to go to Indy, to go to Chicago We're pleased with that. At the same time, I told the kids I was part of a No. 1 seed at Purdue and we got upset in the second round. So you can't take anything for

Don't worry about that, Deron Williams said

"We're not Purdue. We're trying to write our own stories." he said. "We're going to be focused. We've got Fairleigh Dickinson first. We're going to concentrate on them.

Great, just what the Knights wanted to hear. Fairleigh Dickinson won the Northeast Confer-

ence championship to a spot in NCAA tournament for the first time in seven years. The Knights (20-12) knew they'd be facing a No. 1 team; they just didn't think it would be Illinois.

"They are definitely feeding us to the lions." Fairleigh Dickinson coach Tom Green said Illinois isn't the only team in the Chicago Regional with a friendly travel schedule Oklahoma State was tapped as the No. 2

seed after winning the Big 12 tour nament, and drew Oklahoma City for the opening round.

Cowboys (24-6) play 15th-seeded Southeast Louisian (24-8) on Friday.

We really wanted to go to Oklahoma City. We have a very good chance there," Daniel Bobek said. "If we make it to Chicago, it is the same thing that we faced last year, when we had to go play in New Jersey, which is like playing St. Joe's at home " For those not keeping score

Cowboys knocked



Illinois coach Bruce Weber waves the net he cut down after the Illini beat Wisconsin 54-43 in the title game of the Big Ten tournament.

top-seeded Saint Joseph's in the regional finals to advance to the Final Four.

"I think we have a good bracket, considering the other teams in the Big 12." Joev Graham said.

We have a great opportunity."
While the Illini and Cowboys had no complaints with their seedings, Boston College was more than a little bitter. Back when they were 20-0 and ranked third in the country, the Eagles were in line for a No. 1 seed. But after going 4-4 in their last

eight games - including a loss to

West Virginia in their first game of the Rig East tournament - the Eagles found themselves seeded fourth in the Chicago regional.

Worse, they were shipped to Cleveland for the opening round instead of to nearby Worcester, Mass. When the Eagles saw their No. 4 seed, they sat stone-faced while students watching the selection show with them booed.

Boston College will play 13th-seeded Penn (20-8) on Thursday.

Chicago Regional

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Key players: Craig smith (17.4 Brs. 8.5 reb.), F

Jared Dudley (18.2 pts., 7.6 reb.)

5. ALABAMA Record: 24-7. Last 10: 7-3.

Best win: 98-49 vs. Mississippi State on Jan. 18. Key players: G Kennedy Winston (18.1 pts., 2.4 asst.), G Earnest Shelton (16.4 pts., 2.1 asst.), F Chuck Davis (14.2 pts., 6.8 reb.).

Did you know?: As a player on Alabama's 1987
NCAA Sweet 16 team, Gottfried set a school-record with eight three-pointers in a win

over Vanderbilt.

Outlook: Talented team could reach Sweet 16, but don't look for much more.

6. LOUISIANA STATE

Record: 20-9. Last 10: 8-2. Best win: 61-59 vs. Alabama on Feb. 22. Key players: F Brandon Bass (17.5 pts., 8.8 eb.), G Darrel Mitchell (13.5 pts., 3.0 asst.), F

reb.). & Darriel Mitchell (13.5 pts., 3.0 asst.), c Glien Davis (13.1 pts., 8.7 reb.). Did you know? Josh Maravich, son of the late the Highest Maravich, is a walk-on guard for the Tigers. Outlook: Lots of promise but little production from the Tigers, who will have to struggle to make 1th. 7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Record: 26-7: Last 10: 9-1.
Best win: 71-67 vs. Creighton on Feb. 12.
Key players: G Darren Brooks (15.0 pts., 5.1
be), G Jamaal Tatum (12.1 pts., 2.2 asst.), G Steton Hairston (9.4 pts., 2.3 asst.).
Did you know?: Brooks was named Missouri (alley Conference player of the year each of last wo spasons. Valley Conterence player of the year each or last two seasons.

Outlook: With surprise run to Sweet 16 in 2002 and losing by a point to Missouri and Alabama in and losing by a point to Missouri and Alabama in taken lightly.

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Best with: 75-6 iv.s. Oklahoma State on Jan. 17.
Key players: G Daniel Gibson (14.5 pts., 400 3-pt.), Flarad Backman (12.7 pts., 83 reb.), C Jason Did you know?: Buckman's father won two NCAA championships in 1917-172 while playing for the Longhorns golf team with Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite.

Outlook: Stung by the loss of P.J. Tucker due to

academic problems, the Longhorns will be very fortunate to make the Sweet 15.

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Key players: 6 Ed McCants (17.4 pts., 2.8 reb.),
F Joah Tucker (15.2 pts., 5.9 reb.), G Boo Davis
(10.4 pts., 3.3 reb.).

Did you know?: McCants, the Horizon League
Player of the Year, has made at least one
three point basket in every Panthers game this

Outlook: Fared poorly against big brother Wis-consin and Kansas during regular season. A first-round upset over Alabama would be a

infest-cound upset over Afsbarha would be a floricer.

1. PENISYLVANIA.

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pts., 6.1 reb.).

Did you know?: Last year's Utah State team was denied a tournament berth despite a Top 25 ranking and a
25-4 record.

25-4 record.

Outlook A good mix of youth and veterans, the Aggles could catch Arizona napping.

15. SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA

Record: 24.5. Last 10:5.2

Did you know? The Lions have the sixth-best scoring defense in the nation, allowing just 55.8 points per game, Outlook: With no experience in the tornament or even against a big-conference team this season, the Lions are a long-shelt for a single win.

Record: 20-12 FAREIGH DICKINSON

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Key players: G Tamien Trent (15.8 pts., 3.9 reb.), F Gor-on Klaiber (15.8 pts., 7.9 reb.), G Chad Timberlake (13.4

ts., 3.9 reb.).

Did you know?: Fairleigh Dickinson is a dual-campus iniversity that fields 16 Division I athletic teams and 19 Division III teams.

Outlook: The Knights played virtually no team of any consequence this season. Against Illinois, they'll likely be hopelessly overmatched.

Chaney returning for NIT

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA -Chaney will return to coach Temnle in the NIT

Chaney was suspended for the final five games of the season after ordering rough play from one of his players, who subse-quently broke the arm of St. Jo-

seph's senior John Bryant. Chaney, 73, first suspended him-self for one game before the school extended the punishment to three games after the extent of Bryant's injury was discovered. The Hall of Fame coach then banned himself from the Temple sidelines for the Atlantic 10 tournament.

The school announced Monday that Chaney would be on the bench when the Owls (16-13) play at Virginia Tech (15-13) in a first-round game Tuesday night.

Top assistant Dan Liebovitz went 3-2 in Chaney's absence. Liebovitz said Monday that Chaney has been at every home practice and "pretty much has been his usual self." Liebovitz said the players have moved on.

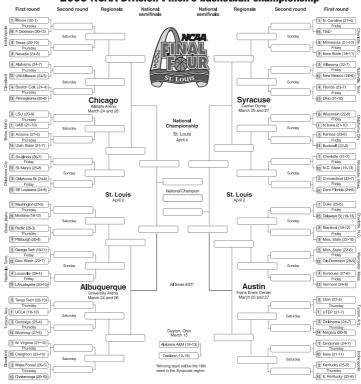
"In their eyes, it's a dead issue at this point," he said. "We've done everything we can

as a university to spread our sympathy and our apologies." Telephone messages left for Chaney and athletic director Bill Bradshaw were not immediately

returned.
The Hawks (19-11) also are in the NIT and play Hofstra (21-8)

on Wednesday.
In a 63-56 loss to Saint Joseph's on Feb. 22, Chaney used Nehemiah Ingram — a player the coach called a "goon" — to "send a message" by committing hard fouls. Ingram fouled out in four minutes, including the hit on Bryant that left the senior sprawled on the court for several minutes. An MRI revealed he had a broken arm.

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NCAA: Poor play late costs Wake, Boston College

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the Conference USA regular season and tournament titles. Instead, the weekend's upsets turned everything upside down.

It's the sixth time in eight years two teams from the same conference were seeded No. 1. The last time was 2003, with Oklahoma and Texas of the Big 12. No conference has ever had three No. 1s and for the first time ever two No. 1s will be playing in the same venue.

Duke and North Carolina will both play Friday in Charlotte. Duke opens against Delaware State (19-13), while North Carolina (27-4) meets the winner of Tuesday's play-in game between Oakland (12-18) and Alabama A&M (18-13).

Oakland is the only team in the field with a losing record.

"We try to keep people as close to home as possible, and that starts on Line 1.'

Kentucky drew a No. 2 seed after losing to Florida in the SEC championship and will play in nearby Indianapolis. Louisville drew the No. 4 seed in Albuquerque and onens in Nashville. Tenn.

People inside here were saying, 'We're definitely a 2, maybe a 1," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "I said, 'Look, don't be surprised if we're a 3.' I had a gut feel-

Other teams were not so lucky.

Bowlsby said Wake Forest could have sneaked back into a top seed if Duke had lost the ACC title game. Instead, the Demon Deacons were given a No. 2 seed and sent to Cleveland for a contest with Chattanooga (20-10) and a possible regional final showdown with Washington.

Seventh-ranked Boston College (24-4). the Big East regular-season co-champ, was shipped to Cleveland, where it faces Ivv League champ Pennsylvania. Boston College is No. 4 in Chicago.

'I'm disappointed, because we had it in our hands, being 20-0, and let it slip away, Eagles forward Jared Dudley said, "But you can cry about it, or you can do something about it."

Two other Big East schools, Connecticut (22-7) and Syracuse (27-6), will play in Worcester, Mass. Connecticut, the defending national champ, is the second seed in Syracuse, while the Orange are No. 4 in Austin

The committee can't put more than two teams from the same conference at one

Among those not invited were Saint Joseph's (19-11), DePaul (19-10), Maryland (16-12) and Notre Dame (17-11), With the Irish missing the cut and 15-13 Indiana falling off the bubble, it is the first time since 2 that the state of Indiana was shut out of the tournament.

The Illini won't get any frequent flyer miles in this tournament, with the first and second rounds in Indianapolis, the regional in Chicago and the Final Four on April 2

Illinois opens Thursday against Northeast Conference champion Fairleigh Dickinson. They were followed in the Chicago regional by second-seeded Oklahoma State, which won the Big 12 tournament; No. 3 Arizona, the regular-season Pac-10 champion; and Boston College.

Washington opens Thursday in Boise against Montana, the Big Sky champion Gonzaga is the No. 3 seed in the region and plays Winthron

After North Carolina, which lost to Georgia Tech in the ACC semifinals, and Connecticut, Kansas is No. 3 and Florida is No.

Along with Duke and Kentucky in the Austin bracket are third-seeded Oklahoma

and Syracuse The Big East and Big 12 each has six

teams in the field, one short of the record, while the ACC, SEC and Big Ten have five apiece. The other multiple bid leagues were Conference USA and the Pac-10 with four; the Missouri Valley with three; and the Big West, Mountain West, West Coast and Western Athletic Conference with two

The last of the at-large teams were all No. 11 seeds: Alabama-Birmingham (21-10), Northern Iowa (21-10) and UCLA

(18-10)

What! Who's No.1?

Committee says Stanford isn't worthy of a top regional seeding

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER The Associated Press

LSU and Tennessee tried to make it easy on the selection committee for NCAA women's baskethall tournament

If only the other top teams had been as cooperative.

By winning so often against top-caliber competition. LSU and Tennessee were obvious choices as No. 1 seeds in the tournament bracket that went up Sunday. It took careful examination and considerable debate to come up with the two others: Michigan State and North Carolina

Uh, notice anybody missing here? That would be Stanford, the 1 team in The Associated Press poll. For the first time since it happened to Texas in 1984, the nation's top-ranked team is not a No. 1 seed in the NCAA field.

disappointed Cardinal, 29-2 with 20 straight victories, did their best to be diplomatic. Still, it wasn't what they had expected after sweeping the regular-season and tournament championships in the Pac-10, a league that ended up with as many NCAA teams (5) as the more highly regarded Southeastern Conference.

"Honestly, a long time ago I stopped trying to figure out the committee and seeds," said Stan-ford coach Tara VanDerveer, whose team reached the regional finals last year as a No. 6 seed.

"What's much more important to me is the team being healthy. There's no sense in overanalyzing the thing

Stanford wasn't healthy the last time it was seeded No. 1, in 1998. and was stunned by 16th-seeded Harvard in the first round

LSII was the overall No. 1 seed and was followed by Tennessee Michigan State and North Carolina. Baylor also got consideration for a No. 1 before ending up as

the highest-ranked No. 2 seed Stanford came next

"We spent more time on the No. 1s than any year I've been on the committee," said Lynn Parkes, who chairs the group. "When we got down to those last two, there wasn't much to separate them.

Stanford's seeding wasn't the only thing that raised questions.

The committee decided to send Rutgers to the first- and second-round site at Connecticut. where the teams had a flare-up after the Big East championship game last week.

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Rutgers guard Cappie Pondexter pointed at UConn coach Geno Auriemma after hearing some thing she felt was objectionable late in the game. Auriemma insist-

ed he was talking to an official. Connecticut and Rutgers won't play each other because they're in different regionals, but hard

feelings might linger "I don't know, it doesn't take a lot of imagination to see their thinking," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "After all, we iust came back from there. There

was a lot of controversy there, so why not send them there again? Who knows what they are thinking? Making LSU and Tennessee

the top seeds was something the committee didn't have to defend.

LSU, which spent more time at No. 1 in the poll than anyone else this season, went 14-0 in the Southeastern Conference, then lost to Tennessee by two in the finals of the SEC tournament.

Tennessee lost only to LSU in

the conference season and played the nation's toughest schedule

Two teams from the same con ference have been No. 1 seeds 10 times previously, most recently in 2003. Tennessee and LSU also were the two that year.

"It's great for the program," said LSU coach Pokey Chatman who got the Lady Tigers to the Final Four last season while subbing for ailing Sue Gunter. "I can remember wondering if you were going to get in or wondering it you were going to be a 1, 2, 3 or 4 seed. It was nice knowing that for a small amount of time, you were concerned about being the (top) No. 1 seed.3

Interestingly, LSU and Tennesee will start the tournament on the Lady Vols' court in Knoxville, which could make that site a hot ticket. LSU is the top seed in the Chattanooga Regional, while Tennessee was placed in the Philadelphia Regional.

Michigan State is No. 1 in the Kansas City Regional. North Carolina heads the bracket for the Tempe Regional.

The women's tournament scrapped the East, Mideast, Midwest and West designations in favor of the city hosting the regional semifinals and finals.

Of course, there could be a North Pole Regional and Michigan State would be excited. This is the first No. 1 seed for the Spantans, who shared the Big Ten title with Ohio State and won the contournament. haven't played in a week and are eager to get started.

"These kids are grumpy and tired of sitting around." Michigan State coach Joanne P. McCallie "They're ready to play. It said. doesn't matter who else is in the bracket.3

The bracket actually is down right tough. Stanford is the No. 2 seed, Connecticut is seeded third and Kansas State is the No. 4 seed. Connecticut, winner of the last three national champion ships, won the Big East tournament this year. Kansas State was the Big 12 tournament runnerup. Michigan State is the only No. 1

seed that plays on Saturday, facing Alcorn State in Minneapolis. The three others play on Sunday

— Tennessee vs. Western Carolina, LSU vs. Stetson and North

Carolina vs. Coppin State.
Before this year, Michigan
State's highest seed had been No.

4 and that was back in 1991. "I really wondered how they'd weigh what we've done this year against the tradition that we don't have in this program, compared to some other schools," McCallie said. "If you look at what we did this year, it's a hands-down case. If you look at it in terms of tradi-

tion, it gets a little murky. In the end, however, it cleared

right up. There are times that's there's just not very much that separates teams," said Parkes, the associate athletic director a Memphis. "But we have to come to a decision and

our decision was that North Caro lina and Michigan State were the (final) No. 1 seeds.

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Seeds of contention









AP PHOTOS

Top: Illinois' Deron Williams directs his teammates during the championship game of the Big Ten tournament Sunday. Illinois got the top seed in the Chicago region. Above left: Oklahoma State's Terrence Crawford celebrates the Cowboys' Big 12 Tournament victory. The Big 12 got six NCAA berths. Center: Florida's Matt Walsh reacts near the end of a 70-53 rour of Kentucky in the SEC Tournament championship. Above right: Duke's Shavilik Randolph and the Blue Devils earned a No. 1 seed by beating Georgia Tech in the ACC tournament final.

Late upsets help throw NCAA tournament selections into chaos

BY MICHAEL MAROT

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA selection committee expected to struggle in seeding this year's 65-team tournament field. Every weekend upset made the task even more

With a record number of schools topping 20 wins, a rash of surprise finishes and a continually changing picture, nothing was decided easily. Not even choosing the top four seeds — Illinois, North Carolina, Duke and Washington.

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The 10 committee members debated into the final hour

Sunday about how the brackets should look, and finally settled on making Washington a No. 1 seed.

"You want to make sure you get it right on Line 1 but you also want to get it right on Lines 2, 3 and 4," selection committee chairman Bob Bowleby said. "If you don't, then the fairness of the tournament is then really called into question."

Bowlsby's fifth year on the committee might have been his toughest

He acknowledged teams such as Kansas and Gonzaga

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may have deserved better than a No. 3 seed. Others, like Maryland and Buffalo, maybe could complain they should have been included.

Then there was Bowlsby's own school — he is the athletic director at Iowa — which leapfrogged Indiana into the tournament even though the Hoosiers won three more Big Ten games.

And yet it was the late-game results that created the most chaos.

"It was a big headache," Bowlsby said. "We had about

five or six different scenarios that involved about four teams and a lot of them were either-or type situations." The top three seeds — Illinois (32-1) in the Chicago re-

The top three seeds — Illinois (32-1) in the Chicago region, North Carolina (27-4) in Syracuse, N.Y., and Duke (25-5) in Austin, Texas — were no surprise.

The Illimi won the Big Ten regular season and then the tournament title and were ranked No. 1 most of the season. The Tar Heels and Blue Devils split the regular-season and tournament titles in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which had the nation's highest conference RPI.

But Washington (27-5), which ranked No. 14 last week, took the No. 1 seed in Albuquerque. Many thought that spot could have gone to a third ACC school, Wake Forest; Southeastern Conference regular-season champ Kertucky (25-5); or sixth-ranked Louisville (29-4), which won

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